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NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

BY TELEGRAPH.

NAVAL HORROR.

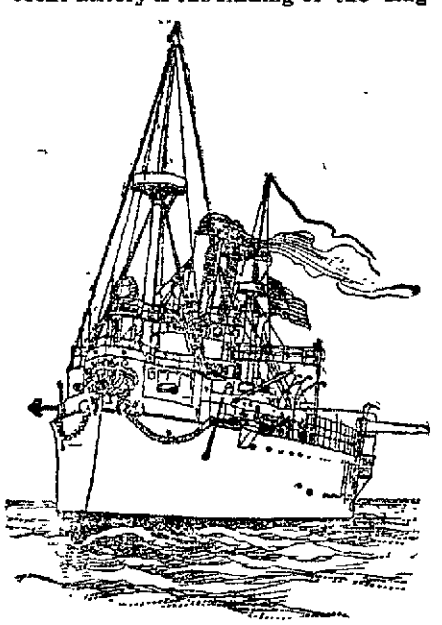
United States Battleship Maine Exploded in Havana Harbor.

OVER 250 SAILORS KILLED.

Cause of Explosion a Mystery. May Have Been Treachery. Spanish Ship Helps in the Rescue Work. Warship Totally Wrecked. Excitement in Washington. Country in Mourning.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The United States warship Maine was wrecked by an explosion in Havana harbor last night. Out of its crew of over 250 men and officers only 91 are alive this morning. Two hundred and fifty-three men and officers went down in the sinking ship.

It is the most awful disaster that ever overtook an American vessel in time of peace. The only comparable event in recent history is the sinking of the Eng-



lish vessel Camperdown with all on board while engaged in peaceful evolutions.

The cause of the explosion is a deep mystery as yet. It was first attributed to its magazines and the ammunition stored there. Navy officers discredit that theory. It is openly hinted in international circles that the awful tragedy was the result of treachery by the Spaniards.

Story of the Horror.

Details of the terrible tragedy are meager even yet. The first word received here was shortly before 10 last night. The explosion happened about 9.45. All the ships crew (except the watch was asleep, and the few survivors could give no particulars. The explosion's force was awful. The city of Havana was shaken and windows were broken in all the houses. Instantly after the officers and crew of the Spanish ship Alfonso XII were actively alive to the terrible situation, and all its boats were sent to the rescue.

The saved are: 24 officers uninjured; 13 of the crew wounded; 59 of the crew uninjured. All the others were killed by the explosion or drowned. Reports that Captain Sigbee is wounded are incorrect. The ship is now resting entirely submerged except a part of the stern and the

debris. Wrecking boats are hastening to the spot from all points, but there is work only for divers.

How the News Was Received.

There is the greatest excitement here this morning. The navy and state departments are thronged. The Spanish legation received the news with horror. Secretary Du Bose said positively that the disaster would have no effect on the relations of Spain to this government, as the affair was wholly accidental.

The country is in mourning. Mayor Van Wyck of New York city has ordered the city hall flag at half mast out of respect.

The president has recalled all invitations for receptions. He has cabled Captain Sigbee for himself and the people of the United States expressing profound sympathy and desiring no expense spared in caring for survivors and dead.

The coast survey steamer Baobe has been ordered from Key West to Havana with wrecking tools. Many offers of ships and tugs have been made.

Theories of the Explosion.

Every imaginable theory has been suggested. All those which indicate accidental cause are refuted by various officers. The opinion which prevails is that there must have been treachery.

The acting chief of the navigation bureau, said this morning that the explosion must have occurred in the magazine, as the ship would have sunk immediately if a torpedo had been exploded under her.

Captain Sumner of the New York navy yard says an explosion in the magazine was impossible from precautions taken. He is confident that a torpedo was placed under the ship's bows.

Either a bomb under the vessel or an infernal machine in the magazine would have accomplished the results.

The relations of Spain and the United States will be unshaken until the strictest investigation has shown the real cause of the explosion.

A London Opinion.

A dispatch from London quotes the following from the Globe: "It is impossible to refrain from suspicion that the explosion may have been caused by foul means. If an infernal machine has been hidden in the coal and thrown into the furnaces, obviously there would have been an explosion of the boilers, and as a result the magazine. That this terrible event should have happened in Havana harbor renders the solution of the mystery of international importance."

Captain Sigbee's Report

Captain Sigbee has cabled the government saying that the explosion occurred near the bow, and asking that opinion be suspended till particulars are learned.

Union Pacific Settled.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 15.—The government lien on the Union Pacific road was wiped out this noon. The case of the road was bought in by the reorganization committee for \$5,300,000. There was no competition, the committee being the only bidder.

The Clara Nevada.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15.—No further news has been received concerning the reported loss of the steamer Clara Nevada in Alaskan waters. Owing to the many conflicting rumors, hope for her safety has not yet been abandoned. On account of the remoteness of the scene of the reported disaster it is impossible to get anything authentic. Unless some unexpected steamer arrives, no definite news is expected before next Thursday. The latest report was brought down by the steamer Everslon. Captain Donnellson said that just before he left Juneau the steamer Colman arrived and reported that wreckage and bedding marked "Hassler" had been washed ashore at Seward. He said: "The Clara Nevada was formerly a government vessel known as the Hassler, and I have no doubt that she is at the bottom of the sea, at least such of her and her effects as were not burned. For the Seward citizens report having seen a blazing vessel on the water."

Ray State Legislature.

Boston, Feb. 16.—The feature in ves-

terday's session of the legislature was the annual attack by Senator Cook of Worcester on the civil-service commission, speaking particularly on the bill providing for the appropriation for the state board. Senator Cook, in his remarks, ridiculed the commission and endeavored to show that its work was against good government. He frankly confessed himself a spoilsman, and claimed that a civil service policy was not a good business policy. The bill was passed to a third reading by a vote of 15 to 8.

The bill to prevent savings banks from occupying rooms of a national banking institution was refused a third reading in the house.

The bill permitting the Boston and Maine railroad to buy and hold shares of leased lines was given a third reading in the senate without debate.

Two Wildcat Schemes.

Boston, Feb. 16.—The affairs of the Friendly Aid society are all but wound up. A final decree was ordered in the supreme court yesterday in the case of this society authorizing Receiver H. A. Wyman to pay a final dividend of 5 percent to the number properly entitled to it. The advent of this short term endowment order into court was made early in 1891, when the court appointed Mr. Wyman receiver. Then the society's liabilities amounted to \$76,000, while Mr. Wyman has brought the assets up from a comparatively small amount to \$40,000. The receiver of the Globe Investment company says that the affairs are "stagnant in fraud."

BY TELEGRAPH.

TIME NOT FAVORABLE.

Fall River View of Proposition for General Strike. More Dissatisfaction with Cutdown.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 16.—There is the same division among local operatives respecting the recommendation of the textile conference last Sunday as was manifest when the question of a resistance to the cutdown was considered by the various unions. Although the majority voted in favor of the acceptance of the situation, it would not take much to bring about the closing of the Fall River mills. There is an ineradicable belief that curtailment was more of a specific for the congestion of the cloth market than the cutting of wages, and if the agitation only becomes strong enough resentment at the action of the manufacturers will assume a decisive form.

Secretary O'Donnell of the spinners did not go to the meeting because he thought that the question of raising funds for New Bedford would be the only one brought up. "If I had known," said he, "that this matter would come up I would have surely gone. What they adopted is just what I proposed to the executive council of the National Union of Mule Spinners when the New Bedford strike was decided upon. I told them that a general strike, even if it should not last very long, was the remedy to the situation."

"In my opinion a partial strike would neither stop the cutdown nor insure a restoration if the cutdown was put in force. They would not believe me at the time. They decided to make the strike in New Bedford. It was evident that, after the strike was over in New Bedford, we would have to start one up somewhere else. Now we come and play into the hands of the manufacturers by showing them our weakness by proving that a partial strike cannot accomplish anything."

"I refuse to discuss the probabilities of the success of a general strike now. Many things have happened since I recommended one. We will have to hold a meeting of the representatives of all the local unions of spinners, if a general strike is decided, to stop our weekly allowance to New Bedford. We will want our money for ourselves, then. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the spinners' union to be held this evening. The work of the delegates, it appears, was not finished. They have not made any provision for the non-union help in a strike of this kind. It is not all to decide or to recommend a strike; we must find means to carry it through."

Legislators of Work.

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 16.—Although all the mill treasurers were invited to attend the investigation into the labor situation ordered by the legislature, only Andrew G. Pierce and Joseph F. Knowles appeared yesterday. They had a consultation with the chairman of the committee, Senator Leach, and left their counsel, Milton Reed of Fall River and ex-Senator James A. Bailey of Arlington, to look after their interests. Only about 20 operatives were present, and all were men.

Senator Leach, in opening the session, stated that the committee proposed to hear all testimony offered bearing upon the causes of the strike. As no one came forward to answer, can-

nor Leach's request, Representative Samuel Ross talked with some of the operatives present and addressed the committee, giving in detail the history of the rise and fall in wages and the results of his observation in the south.

John Waldron, secretary of the Carders' union, said there was no attempt made by a majority of the cloth mills of this city to live up to the particulars bill. He knew places where the posted particulars had not been changed in six months, while the work had been changed a number of times. The speeder tenders are supposed to be paid by the hanks they turn off, but as a matter of fact, Mr. Waldron said, they are not. Mr. Waldron objected to being cross-examined by the attorney of the manufacturers unless the operatives had an attorney to examine the manufacturers.

President Cunnane of the weavers was not satisfied with the manner in which the investigation was being conducted. "The weavers object to testifying here and having their testimony taken by a stenographer and then being cross-questioned by the attorney for the manufacturers," said he, "and having no chance to hear the treasurers' side of the case."

Senator Leach hastened to assure him that he was in error. "The manufacturers will testify later," said the chairman, "and you can ask them questions. Just now they are represented by counsel."

"Well, I suppose we might stay away and let our counsel present our side of the case," retorted Mr. Cunnane, "and then only two men would need to be present."

Mr. Cunnane and the delegation of weavers withdrew, and they will probably not appear before the committee until after the manufacturers have testified. Their position is that, so long as the manufacturers made the reduction and took the step which resulted in the strike, it is to them that the committee should first go for information as to the cause and not ask the operatives for their opinions.

Encouraging Reports of Collectors.

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 16.—A general meeting of the spinners' union was held last night, but besides listening to the various reports with regard to the progress of the strike little action was taken. The proposition to close the yarn mills was discussed, but it was not acted upon.

The general meeting of the weavers was held in the city hall, when the usual reports were read. The matter of chief interest was a discussion of Mrs. Pickering's appearance at the legislative hearing with the understanding that she was present to represent the union. Mrs. Pickering was criticised to some extent, but no action was taken toward rebuking her. The matter of a general strike was not brought before the weavers at all.

The strike council held a meeting in the afternoon, when encouraging reports of collectors were received, and various offers of benefit performances and contributions for the relief of the strikers were accepted. A check for \$400 was received from the Boston Traveler as the proceeds of the benefits given at the Tremont and Columbia theatres in Boston Sunday evening.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

Attorney General Promptly Answers an Inquiry of the Former Body.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Wednesday the senate voted to call upon the attorney general for the reasons which induced him to abandon his plan of redeeming the first mortgage bonds of the Kansas Pacific branch of the Union Pacific, and having the road operated by a receiver. Mr. Harris denounced the present plan to sell the road at the bid of the reorganization committee as defrauding the government of something more than \$5,000,000.

His answer Mr. Griggs said: Answering specifically the question contained in the resolution of the senate, I would say that I have not authorized any agreement by which the property is to be sold for the face value of the subsidy bonds, nor has the government agreed to be a bidder at the sale. The only agreement made was to discontinue the motion for postponement, redemption and the appointment of a receiver, upon the guarantee that the reorganization committee should be the principal of the government debt."

Mr. Foraker of Ohio explained the view taken of the matter by the administration, showing that the president was convinced that the reorganization committee proposed to pay for the road all or in part with the subsidy bonds. The resolution was finally passed in amended form. The executive session yesterday was enlivened by a vigorous effort of Senator Tillman of South Carolina to secure recognition to make a point against the contention that the Hawaiian Islands were of strategic importance to the United States. Senator Gallinger occupied the chair, and other senators were seeking to make reports upon nominations, several coming in after Mr. Tillman had risen. His voice was drowned by theirs, and it began to look as if the senate might adjourn without his being heard.

Apparently realizing the situation, Mr. Tillman took his position in the middle aisle, directly in front of the chair, and demanded to be heard. "I have stood here on my feet while eight or ten men have been recognized," he said in stentorian tones, "and I want to know if I am to be heard."

"If the senator would speak a little louder," said Senator Hoar facetiously, "he might be."

This remark apparently did not fall agreeably upon Mr. Tillman's ears, and he proceeded by appealing for protection

and fair treatment. I have been a member of this body for three years," he said, "and I have always tried to deport myself as a gentleman, and I think I am entitled to fair treatment."

At this point, Senator Gallinger, who occupied the chair, rapped for order. He then explained that the failure to recognize Mr. Tillman was due to an inadvertence and to the fact that his attention had been directed in another way.

To this Mr. Tillman replied that the explanation was entirely satisfactory, and he then proceeded to make his point, which was that the strategic importance of the Hawaiian Islands was over-rated. He argued that in case of a war between Japan and the United States, Japan could bring coal for her warships over in tenders and thus render herself entirely independent of the islands.

The house had a busy day Wednesday. The time was devoted to the consideration of bills and joint resolutions presented under the call of committees, and 16 of more or less public importance were passed. Among the bills passed were the following: Senate bill to amend the navigation laws relating to the coastwise trade; to amend the laws relating to official fees; to better control and promote the safety of national banks by inhibiting loans to officers, directors or employees without the approval of a majority of the directors; to amend the law relating to the licensing of mates on ocean and river steamers, to allow the use of private postals with cent stamps affixed.

Mr. Loud called up a bill requiring pre-payment of postage on all first class mail matter. Mr. Clark (Rep., Ia.) explained that the bill had been prepared at the instance of the postoffice department. All other classes of mail matter were prepaid save that in the letter class, which was carried in each instance for a single postage. The postage due on such letters was supposed to be paid at the point of delivery, but much of it was not collected and the government suffered a considerable loss of revenue. The principal criticism against the measure was that a letter which by the inadvertence of the sender was not fully prepaid would go to the dead letter office. The government would lose quite as much as it does now by holding up the letter at the point of sending, and besides cause much more annoyance to the people. A letter now always went direct to its destination. Under the proposed amendment many letters would never reach their destination, or get back to the senders. The bill was rephrased.

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NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

AT WILLIAMSTOWN

Burglars at Work. — A Deputy Sheriff Possibility—A Good Lecture Tonight—To Present a Farce The Boy Has Returned.

A Deputy Sheriff Possibility.

Although petitions have been circulated for only two candidates for the office of deputy sheriff, Joseph Richards and Joseph Fairweather, the situation embraces another very live possibility, and that is the appointment of C. D. Phelps. Mr. Phelps was prominently mentioned in connection with this office after the election of High Sheriff Fuller two years ago, and his name early came to the front when it became known recently that there was to be a vacancy, but it took Mr. Phelps some time to decide whether he would be a candidate or not, and, in fact, it may be said that he has not yet fully decided. There are reasons for and against his entering the race and to him the situation is a little perplexing. For political reasons many of his best friends advise him not to consider the appointment, and yet the duties of the office would be congenial to him and it is thought that in connection with the office of assessor, which he now holds, and his work as an auctioneer, with perhaps a little business in the line of insurance and real estate which might be added, the office would yield him a reasonable income, thus doing away with the argument that there is nothing in it. In case of his appointment Mr. Phelps would move into the village and probably take up something like the above lines of business. That he would make a competent sheriff there is no question. He is a man of intelligence and energy and would handle civil and criminal business with equal vigor and decision. While no open work has been done Mr. Phelps and his friends have had their thumb on the pulse from the start and they have reason to believe that if he decides to try for the office he will stand a good chance to win. His decision will undoubtedly be reached at an early day.

A Good Lecture Tonight.

Rev. Theodore Sedgwick will deliver his lecture, "How the Other Half Lives," in St. John's parish room this evening. This lecture is based on Mr. Sedgwick's experiences while engaged in mission work in New York city, and the facts that he will bring out will be a revelation to many of his hearers. The lecture will be illustrated with stereoscopic views and will be highly interesting and instructive. It should be heard by a good sized audience.

Burglars at Work.

A. E. Dewey, who lives at the home of Harry Oakes of Riverside, was awakened at about 2 o'clock Monday morning by persons trying to get into the house. He shouted and the burglars hurriedly departed. They had removed a pane of glass from a window and would shortly have been in the house if they had not been disturbed. About half a ton of hay was stolen Sunday night from Warren Montgomery's barn in Riverside. Evidently local talent was on the war path that night and if the business is kept up back shot will begin to fly.

To Present a Farce.

The Dramatic association of the Young People's society of St. John's church will present the farce, "A Fatal Message," in the parish room Friday evening. The farce is very amusing and will be well presented. Admission will be free, the design being to provide innocent amusement for players and spectators rather than to make money. However if any wish to give they will find a plate in which to deposit their nickels, and it is requested that no one give more than a nickel.

The Boy Has Returned.

Frank Hall, the boy who a few weeks ago was committed to the care of the state board of lunacy and charity for stealing articles from Dr. Davenport's dental office, has reappeared in town. He is well dressed and has apparently been well cared for. He says the state agent told him he could come home, but people were surprised to see him back so soon.

A good entertainment is looked for Saturday night when the Williams College Dramatic association will open the season with an original play entitled "The House Party." The play will be given in the opera house and the proceeds will go to the football association. A special car will be run to North Adams Friday night at the close of the Volunteer Hose company's ball for the accommodation of guests from that city, Greylock and Blackinton.

During Lent Rev. Theodore Sedgwick will deliver a series of Sunday evening lectures at St. John's church on "The Life of Christ." The lectures will be illustrated with a stereoscope.

The Glee, Banjo and Mandolin club will give a concert in Troy tonight. Afterwards the club will be given a supper at one of the fashionable club houses and a reception by the Williams alumni of Troy.

An oyster supper will be served at the White Oaks club Thursday evening by the Women's Working association.

Homers E. Card, who served in the 31st Massachusetts regiment for one year, at the end of which time he was discharged for disability, is trying to procure a pension. Mr. Card has been afflicted with rheumatism for years and believes the disease to be due to army service.

The storm somewhat lessened the attendance at the 10-cent supper served Tuesday evening. Oddest Ladies' Aid society, nevertheless a good number were present and it was an enjoyable occasion.

J. W. Lawrence has resigned as organist of the Methodist church.

A. J. Daniels will soon break ground for a new house on Southworth avenue.

Mr. Daniels builds good houses and the one he is about to erect will be a very creditable addition to the avenue and the village.

Dr. Lloyd was called to Cambridge, N. Y., Monday for consultation with Dr. Chase of that town.

Ernest Hill, a boy who works for William Goodell on the Clifford Danforth farm, is recovering from an attack of appendicitis under the care of Dr. Lloyd. The boy has been sick for two weeks and at one time it was thought that he could not recover.

Mrs. F. A. Robbins of Lansingburgh, N. Y., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Taylor.

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Mrs. L. E. Blanchard of No. 8 Marietta street says: "Four years ago I had paralysis of the auditory nerve and a general shock to my system. Verigo accompanied it and I have never recovered the hearing in my left ear. I did not have much kidney trouble till September of 1895, when my back began paining me and extreme soreness and lameness set in over the hips. I had urinary trouble with smarting sensations that caused much distress and inconvenience. From the statements in the papers I concluded that Doan's Kidney Pills would just suit my case and my husband secured a box at Buringame & Darbys'. They did me a great deal of good and that too in a very short time. The backache and urinary troubles are gone. I can without any hesitation recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney trouble such as I had, and bear witness that they are a truly honest medicine."

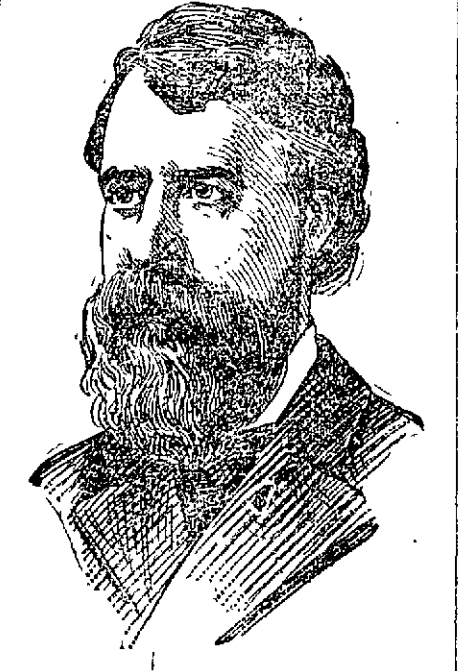
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"MONTANA" CLARK.

The Man Who Outbid George Gould at a Picture Auction.

W. A. Clark, who outbid George Gould at a recent picture sale and paid \$42,000 for "Forty-two," painting "The Choice of a Model" was once a pack peddler. He is a



W. A. CLARK.

dried up, red whiskered little man and looks not a bit more imposing, now that he is a multimillionaire, than he did when he carried a pack.

"Montana" Clark, as he is known throughout the northwest, where the size of his fortune, which is estimated at from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000, is appreciated, is an interesting character. He has a fine mansion in Butte, but seldom occupies it, living nearly all the year round in sumptuous suits of apartments in New York. He owns a newspaper in Butte, The Miner, but he seldom sees the inside of its office. The best he does is to dictate its editorial policy, which is Democratic. Like his business interests in Butte, the newspaper is conducted entirely by agents.

Mr. Clark is now 50 years old, but he looks to be at least 20 years younger, the direct result of an active, outdoor life. Thirty-six years ago he left Philadelphia, where he had spent his youth, and at the head of a mule train, with a pack over his shoulder, went to Montana. There he and his wife opened a country store and sold to the miners the cheap necessities of life. Clark himself peddled goods to the miners, going from camp to camp in a wagon. By dint of the hardest kind of labor and perseverance he succeeded in saving enough money to buy an undeveloped copper mine.

Any Relatives Had Consumption?

Is there any history of consumption in your family. Do your throat and lungs trouble you every time you take a little cold? Do you call your throat your "weak spot"? Persons who are troubled in this way are frequently thin in flesh, not hearty eaters, often a little dyspeptic, have rather weak nerves and are poor sleepers. Perhaps you have noticed you have a tendency to clear your throat a good deal. Finally you take cold, and you cannot break it up as usual. The next cough is harder, and the next one harder still, and so on. How long are you going to let this go on? You certainly do not desire it. And we certainly can cure you.

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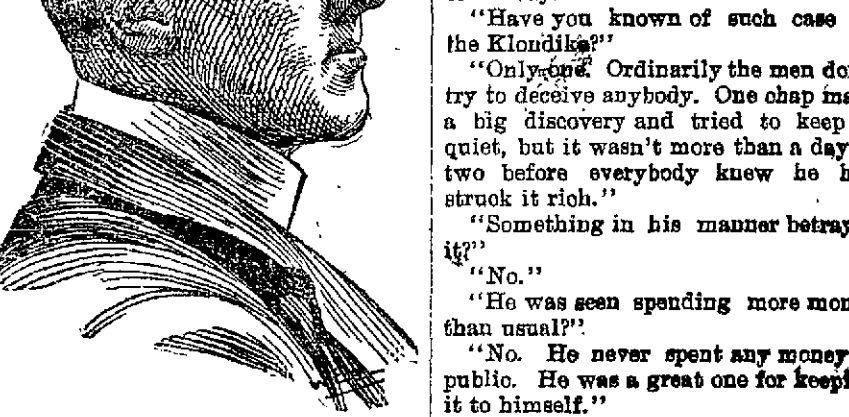
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This was the turning point in his life. He was shrewd enough to know that it would be of the utmost profit to him to handle his own property in person, and as he had no real knowledge of mining, except the scraps he had been able to pick up here and there by his intercourse with the miners, he left his claim and went east to study. For a year he went through courses in mineralogy and chemistry in the school of mines, Columbia college, and then returned west to work. The foundations of his fortune were at once laid, and to his first mine, which turned out to be unusually rich, he added others, one by one, until today he stands among the richest men in the country. In spite of his many millions and the fact that he has lived in New York a dozen years Mr. Clark has attracted public attention there on only two occasions. One of these was when he purchased the Fortuny, and the other was when he built, in Woodlawn cemetery, what is probably the handsomest private mausoleum in the vicinity of New York.

ENGLAND'S NEW POET.

He is a Decadent and Singer of Unprintable Things.

Stephen Phillips, the new poet whom all England is praising and lionizing and whom Richard Le Gallienne tells us head-



STEPHEN PHILLIPS. mires above all other English writers of verse, must be classed among the decadents. He is the most talked about poet in the British isles. The principal reason for this is not that he has just published a new volume of poems, but that the academy awarded him its \$500 prize for having produced, in the judgment of the academicians, the best book of the year.

Le Gallienne says of two of his poems: "While 'The Woman With the Dead Seal' and 'The Wife' there was only one London poem: now there are three." Most people will agree that in Phillips' complete are some strong, vivid pictures of city life which might fit Chicago or New York as well as London. Here is a brief sample in which he gives a street impression:

When, lo, the long uproar of feet,
The huge, dim fury of the street!
Faces like moths against her fly,
Lured by some brilliance to die;
The joyous, cruel face of boys;
These dreadful shadows proffering toys;
The constable, with gesture bland,
Conducting the orchestral band;
A woman secretly distrust
And steadily weeping, dimly dress;
A girl, as in some torment, stands
Offering flowers that burn her hands;
A blind man passes, that doth sound
With shaking head the hollow ground.

But the stories told in Mr. Phillips' verses are horrible tales—tales which in prose would scarcely be printable. The morbid, the macabre, the weird he has found in urban nooks and has sung about at much length, with no little profit of a financial sort. So we must recognize him as the great English poet of the day.

DREYFUS' PRISON LIFE.

Absolute Loneliness Without a Human to Speak To.

I learn on very good authority that Dreyfus is now practically unrecognizable, writes a Paris correspondent to the London Telegraph. His hair has turned white, and he is a complete wreck. He exists, and that is all. The only wonder is that he still lingers on. Countless persons endowed with strong constitutions would already have succumbed to the system to which he is subjected. Such is the opinion of those who have watched him on the spot, as a letter just received from French Guiana abundantly testifies. Since he has been settled at the Ile du Diable, Dreyfus has only been rarely visited by the governor of the colony and other officials. Elevation warders are told off to guard him night and day, a couple at a time, who are relieved every two hours. They are strictly enjoined never to speak to the prisoner unless there is some imperative reason for their doing so, and then as briefly as possible. Thus Dreyfus spends days and weeks together precluded from converse with a fellow creature.

Until the month of July he dwelt in a hut situated in the lower part of the island, but he was then removed to a plateau higher up. The structure which he now inhabits is about 30 feet in length and 10 feet in breadth. It is divided into two rooms of almost equal size. One, with but two windows looking out on a sort of courtyard, is reserved for Dreyfus, gross from being through a door in the partition which separates it from the other chamber, where the warders are posted,

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Yours truly,
A. H. PATTERSON.
NORTH ADAMS, MASS., Jan. 28, 1896
The Pyrocure Company,
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AT ADAMS

Reading Club Meetings.

The regular meeting of the Home Reading club will be held Thursday afternoon. The program is as follows: "The Sicilian Expedition," Mrs. W. B. Plunkett; "The Dresden War," Mrs. F. W. Spalding; "The Defense and Death of Socrates," Miss Luch Chalmers.

The Thursday Afternoon Reading club will meet this week with Mrs. E. E. Merchant of Center street. The program will be: Roll call, historical reading "Battle Between the Monitor and Merrimac," Mrs. H. A. Jones; "Sherman's March to the Sea," Mrs. Herbert Harrington; paper, "General U. S. Grant," Mrs. Frank Richmond; question box.

The Hoosac Club's Social

About 40 couples attended the Hoosac club's social at their rooms Tuesday evening. Dancing was enjoyed in the Father Mathew hall with music by Palmer's orchestra and Fred D. Field prompter. Parties congregated in the parlor and reading room and enjoyed whist and other amusements, while some busied themselves at the pool and billiard tables. Refreshments were served by Caterer Hammond, and a pleasant evening was passed.

Sleighrides Wednesday Evening.

There were several big sleighrides in town Tuesday evening. Miss Annie Sherman and Miss Koehler of Sumner street were the managers of a party of young people who went to Berkshire in one of Livyman's sleighs and about 20 couples from here enjoyed a ride in one of Livyman's sleighs to the home of Marcus Jenks in East Cheshire, where they had a supper and general good time. Quite a number took advantage of the sleighride and supper held by the Epworth League of Trinity Methodist church.

Will Be Guests of the Alerts.

Secretary Peter P. Smith of the Alert ball committee received a letter from W. L. Crozier of the Gale Hose company of Williamstown Monday stating that the officers of the company and a good sized delegation of members would attend the Alert ball Friday evening. They will be accompanied by their lady friends.

At Tuesday evening's meeting of the local hose company all arrangements for Friday evening's event were completed and success seems assured.

Will Play With Washington.

Thomas J. Donovan of West Troy, N. Y., who played several games with the Renfrews against the Stanleys of Pittsfield during the season of '94, has signed with the Washington league team. Last season he pitched for and managed the Meriden, Connecticut team. When with the Renfrews he made a great hit with the local people, his good work in the box having won several close games.

A Home Musical.

A delightful home musical was that rendered Monday evening at the home of Miss Blanche Baker on Depot street. Among those who participated were Prof. Louis Coenan of Springfield, violinist; Miss Kate Arnold of North Adams and James T. Baker, vocalists, and T. M. Dilloway, flutist. The evening was very pleasantly spent by all.

Superintendent Waters Busy.

Superintendent C. A. Waters is very busy these days fitting up a number of residences to be lighted by gas. Already the houses of Captain H. O. Hicks and Al. Millard of Randall street are lighted by gas and the houses of John J. Daly, Frank L. Goodnow and Mr. Raymond on Forest avenue are to be similarly lighted.

An Interesting Lecture.

There was a fair attendance at the lecture by Professor Goodrich at St. Mark's parish house Tuesday evening. His lecture on "How the Other Half Lives" was very interesting and the speaker showed that he knew his subject well. The stereopticon views were one of the principal features of the lecture.

A Small Fire.

A fire started in one of the buildings at the Massena block works Tuesday forenoon but was extinguished before any serious damage was done. No alarm of fire was given save the hooting and yelling and general Indian pow-wow, made by a couple of the employees.

Must Have a License.

The board of health held their regular meeting Monday evening and decided that after the first of April no one will be allowed to keep swine within the limits of the district without a license from the board. The action of the board meets with general favor.

Pleasing Pupils' Recital.

A pleasing musical recital was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Hall on Randall street Tuesday evening. It was by pupils of Miss Bixell of Pittsfield. About a dozen young people participated and all the recitations were good. Only a few invited friends were present.

This Evening's Debate.

The debate between Rev. Miles B. Fisher and Supt. J. C. Gray on the Hawaiian question will take place at the Young Men's club room in the Congregation house this evening. All young men interested are invited.

A gentleman from Lynn will be in town this evening to take measurements for uniforms for the members of Germania band.

Jewett, the magician, will be at the opera house this evening.

The Adams Whist Club Will Meet This Evening Instead of Friday

evening on account of the Alert ball.

Mrs. H. G. G. Ibert of Ware is the guest of Mrs. L. L. Brown.

There was no session of school today. The first train north on the Boston & Albany railroad was about 15 minutes late this morning.

Sheriff O'Brien will sell at auction a lot of furniture near Joseph Grizbach's store on Sumner street Saturday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.

Frank Hanlon has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late James P. Ferguson.

D. J. McIntyre of Worcester is the guest of local friends.

Michael Connelly and Miss Annie Kelley of Berkshire visited Mr. and Mrs. John Gavin of Spring street Sunday.

J. E. Deyo and family of Cranford street have moved to North Adams.

Charles Goodell of Zylouite left Tuesday for a business trip to Readsboro, Vt., and Monroe Bridge.

The regular meeting of Odd Fellows will be held this evening.

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A new style of hat is the treader, covered with velvet which is stretched smooth.



THEATER COSTUME.

The hat is trimmed at the side with silk pompons of different colors, the brim being lifted to show a drapery of silk arranged in imitation of the silk handkerchief which the real treader wears tied around the head beneath the hat. This is a pretty fashion for brunettes.

The princess redingote is much worn abroad as an outer garment by both women and girls. It is usually double breasted, fastening with two rows of buttons, and has a tall, flaring collar. The variation of peleries and revers is, however, very great and allows for much difference of effect in coats of the same general style.

With the approach of spring the number of little bonnets, toques and capotes, all of flowers, is augmented. Some are composed of berries and leaves, others of foliage alone, still others of flowers alone or flowers and leaves. Usually a metal, jet or jeweled ornament is placed somewhere in the bonnet, to give it a little more formality, although a toque of flowers for a very young girl requires no such addition. These bonnets are generally crownless, consisting of a mere wreath of blossoms or foliage with upstanding sprays at the front or one side.

An illustration is given which shows a theater costume. The skirt is of moss green taffeta, the bodice of green gauze covered with ruffles of gauze and bands of No. 1 green ribbon. Bands of guipure are placed at the sides and front, and tabs of guipure bordered with gauze ruffles form the basque and sleeve caps. The collar is of gauze, the belt of green taffeta. The bonnet, of pink geraniums and green leaves, has an aigret of guipure.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

Have You a Pet Superstition?

"I don't believe there is a man living who is without his pet superstition," remarked a secondhand furniture man the other day. "We constantly have people who sell us articles of household use and come in after a few weeks—sometimes only days—and try to buy them back again, with the explanation that they have had 'bad luck' ever since the sale was made and never would have good luck again until the bargain was undone."

"One woman who had sold us her grandmother's clock fairly wept because it was gone before she could buy it in again. This idea is not confined to uneducated or ignorant people by any means."

"At this very time I know a business man of great culture and refinement who is vigorously pursuing an old wooden desk which he owned many years ago—a desk on which he made an enormous amount of money by a few lucky strokes of his pen. The desk passed from hand to hand and out of his possession. He is now earnestly endeavoring to trace it and purchase it, believing that recent business reverses and hard times will flee away, if he can only stretch his legs once more under that same old desk."—Pearson's Weekly.

COMFORT FOR VETS.

THE NEW NATIONAL SOLDIERS' HOME AT MARION, IND.

After Nine Years of Work and an Expenditure of About \$1,000,000 a Group of Most Modern and Comfortable Buildings Has Been Completed.

The new national home for soldiers near Marion, Ind., has just been completed. It is the finest, most modern and most expensive haven of rest for the veteran of the civil war that the government has provided. It is the seventh of these institutions which the nation has established for the purpose of cheering the declining days of the heroes who wore the blue. All the others are crowded, and while the finishing touches were being made on the Marion home the foundations were laid for an eighth, which will be built at Danville, Ill. Nine years ago the first work was done toward transforming 285 acres of farm land located near Marion into a veterans' city. Now the 35 buildings which constitute the home are finished. The total expenditure has been nearly \$1,000,000.

Unlike the usual method of erecting one big, rambling structure, the home at Marion is really a group of homes. The 14 barracks are neat, attractive looking cottages of pressed brick, each two stories and a half high. They serve merely as sleeping apartments, but they have every comfort that an old soldier could wish for. Big verandas encircle them and afford



A TYPICAL BARRACKS.

ample lounging place. There is a captain in charge of each, and he has a neat office and a sergeant as an attendant. Each barracks is fitted for four companies of 50 men each and each company has a separate room.

These rooms have white enamel beds on each side and by each of the beds is a dresser large enough to hold the soldier's possessions of the occupant. The bed is kept scrupulously clean and the linen is the whitest. Each soldier has a chair and a little mat on the floor. The walls and the floor are as spotless white as the beds. In the center of each room is an alcove with a big fireplace, several tables and easy chairs. Cards and other games are provided. A door leads out on the big veranda. At the farther end of the big company room are closets and bathrooms. Everything is heated by steam. There is hot and cold water for all.

The building used as a dining hall is one of the handsomest of the whole group. It is of pressed brick, with clock tower and artistic, sloping eaves, which come over the verandas. On the first floor is the dining hall, one of the most interesting parts in the city. The dining hall is a great room in which 1,080 can dine at once. On the second floor is the Grand Army chapel and a library of 5,000 volumes. On the tables are 24 daily newspapers and many weekly publications and the leading magazines. The number of books is rapidly increasing.

In the rear of this building is the most complete and probably the most thoroughly scientific and up to date big kitchen in the central or western states. It is by long odds the pride of the home.

Back of this couple of buildings, which together cost almost \$100,000, and across a prettily laid out lawn is the new theater building. It is built after the old Spanish style brought thoroughly and artistically up to date. It is as complete as any playhouse in the country, from foyer to the last stage drop. The chairs are upholstered, the house is perfectly lighted with electricity and companies playing at the house state that it is one of the best equipped in the country.

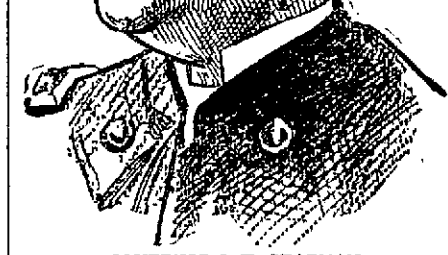
In rear of this, across another stretch of lawn, lies the club, provided with billiard and pool tables and other contrivances for pleasure. Everything is free. Back of the club lies the woods. To the right is the commissary department, to the left the waterworks and the fire engine house. The water used is taken from wells drilled 300 feet. A large amount of water is required because of the persistent scrubbing. There is a fire company and there is ample fire protection. There are administration buildings, headquarters, postoffice and a home store.

The home of the governor, J. H. Chapman, is a modern frame house built in colonial style. The residence is equally comfortable and artistic residence. Governor Chapman, by the way, is very popular. He served as captain in the Fifth Connecticut and lost a leg during the war. Another prominent building is the hospital. It is a large, comfortable looking structure, surrounded by deep, double decked verandas.

But the chief features of the Marion home, the ones which most impress the visitor, are the permanency and stability of the buildings and the beauty of the grounds. The fact must be recognized that in a score of years most of these fine buildings will be tenanted.

Still they have been built as solidly as if they were to stand for a century. In the beautiful grounds the veterans take great pride, and well they may. These are broad macadamized drives, pretty little brick paved walks, wide stretches of smooth green lawn, miles of shrubbery and flower beds in profusion. Altogether Marion is one of the isolated instances which show that sometimes republics are grateful.

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Anderson Still Ambitious. W. H. Anderson, the member of the Century Wheelmen of New York who attempted to make a record of 65 centuries in as many consecutive days and abandoned the attempt after finishing 4,800 miles, intends to try again for the record as soon as mild weather sets in. Anderson rode at night and quit only when one arm became useless from over-exertion.—New York Times.

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THE IMPORTANT PART.

The public is continually reminded what an awful time the Hon. George F. Lawrence is going to have in appointing postmasters in this congressional district. One would judge by the comment and advice that is so frankly bestowed, that the future of our able congressman was to be decided, not by his ability as a legislator, but solely on his tact in filling the post offices throughout the district. Whether he makes a good congressman or not seems to be a question of secondary importance, when it should be the main question. No one need doubt but that Mr. Lawrence will in every instance strive to appoint to these offices men whom he believes to be fitted for the places and who will be acceptable to the greatest number of the patrons of the offices.

There is an issue of greater importance than the postoffices to be handed out. In the congressional election to be held next fall, and when Mr. Lawrence will be a candidate for re-election, a question of national integrity is to be settled of more importance to the people of this country than it was a year ago. The solid Democratic vote in the national house of representatives a few days ago for free silver shows where that party stands on this question when it comes to a case. Men nominated and elected as honest money men turned on their constituencies and followed with their votes, the false standard set up by William Jennings Bryan. The issue is as clear as the morning or the noon day sun.

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A GREATER NATIONAL PARK.

The proposition to enlarge the area of the Yellowstone National park from 3,312 square miles to 6,566 square miles, the additions to be made on the east, south and northwest portions of the park, is one that should command the cordial approval of the country. Certainly it will appear very powerfully to all Americans who have been privileged to enjoy the beautiful recreations, the strange and startling forms of nature and the unsurpassable scenic splendors of this wonderland of the western world.

To the health-giving qualities of this great natural sanitarium, with its light dry air and its magic mineral pools, is added the charm of mountain and valley prospects, the glories of cataracts and flaming gorges, the marvelous play of geysers and the peaceful aspect of the mountain lake hidden away within the deep woods. Within the boundaries of the park may be found more of nature's sublime and curious sights to delight the eye and regale the senses than any portion of the world presents within the same compass, and it was a masterstroke to set this region apart for all time, to be preserved in its primeval and picturesque state. For the better protection of the game within the park and to take in a valuable resort for elk south of the present boundaries, as well as to protect the head waters of important rivers, the additions are proposed, so that both sentimental and practical considerations are on the side of increasing the size of this wonderful domain.

The eastern crisis has narrowed down to parliament's dissatisfaction with the Marquis of Salisbury's foreign policy.

Inasmuch as the Berkshires do not appear in his itinerary, there is little to support the story that Prince Albert of Belgium intends to tour this country.

Nansen and Anthony Hope Hawkins are indulging in London in some after-the-lecture-season snickering about America and American customs. Verily Barnum was right.

All that desperate war talk in the east has resulted in nothing more sanguinary than the "battle of flowers" at Cannes during the carnival at the Riviera, in which 10 tons of posies were thrown. European warfare is growing more fragrant than fatal.

The circulating suicide is an Indiana idea. A young man, the young lady he loved and the mother of the young lady have followed one another to the grave through self-destruction. As to whether this new game of progressive suicide becomes a craze remains to be seen.

There is something deliciously cool in the Springfield Republican's reference to "that country editor from Plymouth who has just been put on the Harbor and Land Commission." How our Springfield contemporary would cavort if some rude Boston newspaper spoke of "that country editor from Springfield."—Boston Journal.

A Man-of-war of 1814.

The Impregnable of 1814 was of 3,278 tons, a 98 gun ship by the official rating, though her ten cannonades brought her total battery up to 108 guns. She was therefore by no means one of the largest ships; indeed we had ten of greater size and force at sea or in reserve. Her heaviest gun was the old 32 pounder smooth bore, mounted on the roughest truck carriage, without sights or elevating screw. Her broadside was 1,018 pounds. Her total crew was, when she was fully manned, 743—officers, men and boys. The men were raised by impressment or recruited voluntarily for the ship's commission. We had not as yet adopted our present admirable system of manning the fleet. The discipline was arbitrary and cruel; there were merciless floggings with the cat for the smallest offenses, and the number of lashes inflicted varied from a dozen or half dozen to 500 and even 1,000.

Reading the court martials of those days, one alternately wonders how the officers held down the gangs of ruffians they commanded and how the men endured the manifold brutalities of their officers. Brave to a superlative degree as these men were, with that fiery courage which welcomes battle and death, they cannot compare in quality with the officers and men who now take our ships to sea. Everywhere except in the highest ranks, where our captains and admirals are too old, the change has been one wholly for the good. Yet it has not kept pace with the times, and today our sailors are poorly paid and not too well fed.—Nineteenth Century.

Edible "Coffins."

At a very early period the orientals were familiar with a kind of pastry, a mixture of flour, oil and honey, and for centuries pastry making went no further, even among the nations in the south of Europe. But in the beginning of the middle ages a change began to take place in the method of mixing the ingredients, and some other substances were brought into use. Butter, eggs and salt found their way into pastry making, and the result was a manifest improvement. Paste next came to be used as an inclosure for meat, seasoned with spices, etc. Afterward it went a step further, the next use being for the inclosure of creams, fruit, preserves, etc., and later still it began to take the many fanciful shapes in which it has since been commonly found. In the early stages of English cookery the pastry cases were called coffins or "coffyns" and were made in various sizes from "grog coffyns with lowe liddes" for the "tartes of flesche" to the "smalle coffyns" for "tartolettes" or "dische or flesche," mixed with "stuff of boyled figges ground and good powdure and spices."

Petruchio in "The Taming of the Shrew," it may here be noted, calls a little cap "a custard coffin." These coffins correspond with the "vol-au-vent" of today.—Gentleman's Magazine.

The Cultus of the Adjective.

Everybody nowadays in prose or poetry claps on an adjective to every noun. It degrades the adjective and enervates the noun. Then, too, there is a host of vulgar overdressed people introduced into our company, whom we, the old fashioned adjectives, hardly recognize—"strenuous," "intense," "weird," "fiery," "sympathetic," "splendid," "secure," "naive," "impressive," "poignant"—mostly attached, too, to the wrong nouns. There are too many adjectives, and they carry too much sail, like dillies, "bedecked, ornate and gay." I noticed, as an instance the other way, a criticism in a French review the other day of the academicien sea captain who calls himself Pierre Loti, whose style is so defeated (I believe that is the term invented by the Postlethwayte school—you remember Postlethwayte?) that he seldom or never uses an adjective more startling than "good," "bad," "green," "red," "dark," "light," and so on, and yet so orders his sentence that the adjective shines out like a rose on a briar bush.—Longman's Magazine.

Merrynousness.

This term was first used by a minister of state who affected to ridicule the warnings of those who were constantly drawing the attention of the two houses of parliament to Russia's steady advance toward India. The term was a happy one in its way, but time is long proved that the alarmists were correct, and the said minister, so far as I remember, deprecated its being constantly brought up against him.

This word was coined by the Duke of Argyll, who, in a speech in the house of lords, was deriding the well founded apprehensions of those who feared that the Russians would make themselves masters of Merv, in Turkistan. They took it in 1888-4.—Notes and Queries.

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"See there," she said to the editor in chief. "Just look at that."

She threw the curls of paper upon his desk, put her finger on a spot and glared.

"And look at that, and that, and that."

She pointed at other spots.

"What is it?" asked the chief, studying the spots.

"Why, 'slug religion.' Somebody has written at the head of every paragraph the words 'slug religion,' and the printers have printed it too. Think if it had gone in the paper. I won't stay!"

It was not easy to explain that "slug religion" and "slug society" and "slug sport" were mere composing room signs to indicate in which department of the paper the blocks of type were to be set.—New York Commercial.

Her Pathetic Contrast.

It is not in the saying of pungent things or even witty things that children become interesting, and this is why so often the glimpses of children we have given us are so unsatisfactory. It is the utterance of things that have a heart of pathos that makes the talk of little ones so wonderful.

A lady standing between two beds at a children's hospital not long ago upon the occasion of a small feast opened conversation with one of the patients by saying:

"What have you had, dear?"

"The plenary, ma'am," came the answer.

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Took the Bait.

Minnie—Mr. Billie, if I should consent to be your wife, are you sure you would never object to my dressmaker's bills, never refuse to buy theater tickets when asked, never—in fact, never object to any expenses which I might wish to incur?

Mr. Billie—Darling, I swear it! Minnie—Well, Mr. Billie, if you can't hold on to your money any better than that, I must say, "No."—London Fun.

A Theory.

Tommie—Pa, how do storms git out? Tompkins—Get out? What are you driving at—out of what?

Tommie—Wy, the weather bureau, o' course! I didn't know but mebbey the man left a drawer open.—Up to Date.

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—Miss Blythe has been engaged as soprano at the Universalist church and Maurice Phillips as basso.
—Clerk of Courts Candie of Pittsfield has purchased a fast pacer and is prepared to show the county a very rapid clerk.
—The Bon Ton club will give a dancing party in Grand Army hall Friday night. The Ideal orchestra is engaged for the occasion.
—Joseph Brigante is in New York this week on business and during his absence his Main street fruit store is in charge of James Julian.
—A former prominent Berkshire man Augustus M. Perkins, died at Winsted, Ct., Tuesday. He was until the close of the war a resident of Becket.
—Division 4, A. O. H., held its last whist party before Lent Tuesday evening, and the last to be held before Lent by Division 10 will occur Thursday evening.
—The choir of St. John's church will give a musical service on Sunday evening. Organist Smith has prepared a very attractive program of music for the occasion.
—Charles H. Printiss, father of F. H. Printiss, a former Pittsfield town clerk and of Benjamin Printiss, a clerk in the probate court office, died at Pittsfield Tuesday.
—A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Blanchard gathered at their home at 44 Meadow street Tuesday evening and passed a pleasant time with music and refreshments.
—The Barb Wire minstrels made a big hit at North Pownal, Vt., Saturday night. They gave good satisfaction to a crowded house and cleared \$50. The minstrel performance was followed by dancing.
—A Williamstown man had a finger amputated at the hospital Tuesday by Dr. Hull of Williamstown and Dr. M. M. Brown. The finger had been ruined by a felon and was taken off at the knuckle joint.
—The reception to have been given this evening from 7.30 to 10 o'clock in the Congregational chapel to new comers and to teachers has been postponed on account of the storm to next Tuesday evening, Washington's birthday, at the same time and place.
—A social will be held at the Congregational house this evening to enable the school teachers who attend that church, and others who may be strangers to get acquainted with one another and the members and attendants of the church. Refreshments will be served.
—The Masonic school of instruction closed Tuesday night at about 12 o'clock, this being the second night of the school. Excellent work was done both evenings and the sessions were very pleasant and beneficial. Good delegations were present from Adams and Williamstown Tuesday night.
—At the monthly meeting of the North Berkshire medical association Tuesday evening several surgical cases were reported by Dr. Dewey. He told of three cases of hemorrhage where he used the saline treatment and all were successfully cured. One was Fulgetti, the Italian, who was stabbed. The meeting was held at the Wilson, Dr. Matto entertaining.
—The Sons of St. George will have their regular monthly social on Thursday evening and a good attendance is desired. The committee of arrangements for the visit to Adams on the evening of Washington's birthday are desirous of having as many ladies in the party as possible and members are requested to report to the committee so that car accommodation may be secured.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.
Mrs. D. G. Burbank of this city is visiting friends in Pittsfield.
Frank Montgomery of this city is visiting friends in Pittsfield.
Misses Mary and Margaret McConnell are in Pittsfield for a few days.
Mrs. Thomas Bowie is visiting friends in Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
Officer Reagan is ill at his home.
The Misses O'Donnell of Troy, N. Y., will be the guests of Miss Mayme Whalen for a few days.

Severely Kicked By a Horse.
Robert Hampton of this city met with a serious accident Tuesday evening. He was watering a horse in a stall and accidentally dropped the water pail. This frightened the animal and it kicked, striking Mr. Hampton in the left leg and breaking it below the knee. Dr. Stafford attended.

ADVERTISING NORTH ADAMS.
Keen Appreciation for "North Adams and Vicinity Illustrated" Kindly Expressed
North Adams and Northern Berkshire will receive a very substantial impetus and its fame be extended as the result of the excellent advertising it will get at the hands of those newspapers who receive THE TRANSCRIPT's illustrated book, recently issued. Here are some further press notices:
Sent out as a supplement to the North Adams TRANSCRIPT for January 20 is an illustrated book of North Adams, Adams and Williamstown, Massachusetts, describing their industries, past and present. Much praise is due THE TRANSCRIPT for the business enterprise shown in getting out so complete a history and for the fine illustrations and good printing. A three-fold birds-eye view out of North Adams serves as a frontispiece.—Albany Argus.
The enterprising journal, the North Adams TRANSCRIPT, issued as a supplement to its edition of January 20, a beautifully printed and illustrated book of 140 quarto pages, entitled "North Adams and Vicinity, an illustrated book of North Adams, Adams and Williamstown, Massachusetts, past and present." The volume is of deep interest to the people of the vicinity, as showing the natural and business advantages of The City of the Western Gateway. The public would be and many of the business and industrial establishments are faithfully portrayed, while the text gives valuable information relative to this new and thriving city. It is very creditable to the Transcript Co., as a literary and artistic production, and an honor to North Adams.—Salem Register.

A MODERN WAY
Commends itself to the well-informed, to do pleasantly and effectively what was formerly done in the crudest manner and disagreeably as well. To cleanse the system and break up colds, headaches, and fevers without unpleasant after effects, use the delightful liquid laxative remedy Syrup of figs. Manufactured by California Fig Syrup Co.

To-Night and To-Morrow Night.
And each day and night during this week you can get at any druggists Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, acknowledged to be the most successful remedy ever sold for Coughs, Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption. Get a bottle today and keep it always in the house, so you can check your cold at once. Price 25c and 50c. Sample bottle free.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cured, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. B. All druggists.
Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.
To quit tobacco easily and forever, be true, neat, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or B. C. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

HE IS SLOW TO WRATH.

The President Is Patient, Long Suffering and Cautious.
OUR GOVERNMENT READY FOR WAR
VIII Act Quickly When the Time Comes. A Perfect Naval and Military Programme Mapped Out—Can Capture Cuba in Ten Days.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—[Special.]—The letter written by Dupuy De Lome, the late Spanish minister here, has been the sensation of the past week. Its echoes will be heard for a long time to come. Without doubt the general effect of the letter and the long delay which ensued in getting a satisfactory expression from the Spanish government, has been to hasten some decisive steps on the part of this nation in behalf of Cuba. In and out of congress the feeling is becoming stronger and stronger that the time has come for action. Any aggressive movement made by the president would be warmly supported in congress without regard to party lines.
President McKinley is notoriously slow to wrath. During the most irritating hours of this Dupuy De Lome episode he was the coolest man in Washington. He has never borne any resentment to the diplomat who insulted him. In this connection it is only proper to say that the conduct of the president through this matter has been in consonance with his character and record. He is patient, long suffering, cautious, but when he does move he moves quickly and with all the force at his command.
He Acts Quickly.
"I have known William McKinley 20 years," said a friend of mine from Canton, O., today. "I have watched him closely. He is the most patient man I ever knew, but when he makes up his mind the time for resentment or action has come, he is a man to be feared. When he moves, it is with lightninglike rapidity, with terrible force. We had an example of that in the coal strike in our state when Mr. McKinley was governor. For a time he seemed to every one to be too slow, too cautious. It took time to convince him that it was necessary to act. But when he did move, you will remember how quickly he ordered the troops out, with what energy, and with what operations and how effectively and rapidly he suppressed the mob spirit. Unless I miss my guess Spain will wake up some fine morning and learn that President McKinley's patience has come to an end and that he is on the move. When that hour comes, it will be no laughing matter for Spain."
Readers of these dispatches will remember that I said some time ago the United States was ready for war. The truth is that for several months this government has been preparing for possible hostilities with Spain. The preparations which we have made do not necessarily signify that the president and his advisers have thought war inevitable. In fact, they have, on the contrary, believed that peace would be preserved, at least for some time to come. But they have felt it their duty to prepare for a contingency which some accident or change of the situation might bring on. They have assumed that lack of preparedness for war would be almost criminal negligence on their part. The result is that if war comes the United States will be ready for it.
Military Preparations.
Our preparations have been extended to the army as well as the navy. Months ago agents of the war department were sent out to make careful inspection of the militia in the various states. Each of these agents made two reports, one for publication, one for the secret information of the authorities. The government now knows just how many troops could be had from each state, their state of discipline, their equipment, how long it would take them to get aboard the cars, the ability of their officers and all the other facts which were needed to arrange a thoroughly scientific military programme.
The result of these inquiries has demonstrated that within five or six days, counting the regular army and the militia together, this government could mass 100,000 armed men at Key West. Within 94 hours after the orders were issued 5,000 men would be at the seaports. They would arrive at the rate of about 10,000 a day during the next two days, and then at the rate of 25,000 or 30,000 a day till all were mobilized. These would not be new recruits, but drilled, disciplined men, thoroughly equipped, ready to take the field at a moment's notice.
The government has also made elaborate inquiries into the question of transports with which to convey a part of this force to Cuba. It knows just where the ships are and just how long it would take to get them to Key West, to Tampa, to Charleston, to Mobile, to New Orleans and other places of rendezvous.
The Programme Complete.
I violate no confidence, but speak by authority, when I say this government has a perfect naval and military programme mapped out. It has been carefully arranged by aid of the best military minds we have at our command, and if war comes the United States will be able to move quickly and effectively.
I do not pretend to know the details of this programme, and if I did I would not publish them. But I do know that the plan is thoroughly modern and comprehensive. That it contemplates the strike of quick, hard blows and that within days after a declaration of war we should without doubt be in possession of Havana and other important Cuban seaports. The plan has been largely arranged by Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy department, assisted by bureau chiefs and the president of the naval college at Newport, the last named having been ordered here for that purpose. General Miles was the chief representative of the army at these conferences at the request of Secretary Alger.
Our naval preparations are complete. The programme is laid out so carefully that it is already arranged just what each ship is to do, where it is to go, how to communicate, where to recon and refuel. We have investigated all the means of cable communication, all the docks and available supplies of coal. The bulk of our navy is now within a few hours' steaming of Cuba, and a number of ships which were previously assigned to the Asiatic and Mediterranean stations have been ordered home.
The whole policy of the government has been to prepare for war, and if war comes to strike blows so hard and so quickly that victory may perch upon our banners and peace be the sooner secured. But between preparing for war and making war there is a wide gulf which may never be passed. At any rate, there is no immediate cause for alarm.
WALTER WELLMAN.

A Diagnosis.
Cholly Addeleats—Aw, doctah, I have recently been afflicted with fearful headaches.
Doctor—I see. Some of those aching voids we read about.—Chicago News.

The jubilee visit of the colonial pioneers led to the discovery that the Prince of Wales pronounces premier as in French, premi-ay.

Fruit cannot stand freezing, because it ruptures the cells of the fruit, and decay takes place.

To avoid all danger from alum and kindred injurious adulterants it is necessary to ask for the Royal Baking Powder and take no other.

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Absolutely Pure

Many alum baking powders disguised as cream of tartar powders are urged upon consumers. They make the food unwholesome. Royal is a cream of tartar powder, chemically pure, of highest leavening strength.

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No merchandise sluggards are allowed at Cully & Co.'s. If they have a surplus of goods, low prices are made to move them. Jackets, capes and furs are now in the run.

William Martin & Co. are having a sale of men's shoes at \$1.50 a pair; regular \$2, \$2.50, \$3 and \$4 shoes they claim.

Regimental gray, the latest in stationery, at Dickinson's.

Free samples of the champion fire kinder are given away by W. A. Cleg-horn. It is cheap, clean and always ready. Surely safer than kerosene.

All jackets formerly from \$8 to \$15 at Taylor's are priced to go at \$3.95.

New spring neckwear is at Cutting Corner in a big variety of the best shades and patterns.

Doing business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl through green goggles—you may know what you're doing, but no one else does.

If

YOU WANT TO CURE THAT COUGH OR COLD, USE

Ashman's
Sure
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25 cents
NO CURE—NO PAY.

NORTH ADAMS DRUG CO.
93 MAIN STREET.

Hot and Cold SODA, all flavors.
Have you seen that line of fine Confectionery at 20c per pound.

Is your Watch out of order?

Does the sitting-room or kitchen clock fail to regulate family duties properly? Then bring them to me, or have me call for them. I am experienced in such work. Have about all of it I can attend to. For this reason I make my charges reasonable. All work guaranteed.

Wetmore,
29 1-2 Eagle Street.
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BARGAIN DAY
THIS WEEK SATURDAY JANUARY 16.
Assorted Caramels 10c per lb.; New York Fruit and Sponge Cake, 12c each.

McNeill's.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.
Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, to clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Beware of Imitations

LEA & PERRINS
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JOHN DUNCAN'S SONS, ARETHA, NEW YORK.

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THOUSANDS OF ROLLS ALREADY HERE. Dark and showy papers will be the great leaders in nice papers. Our 10c, 15c and 20c papers this year contain some very artistic effects that will please all. And the new designs and colorings you will be sure to appreciate. Don't think of such a thing as buying Wall Papers without running your eye over our line. Prices will suit.

Tuttle & Bryant.

I have opened a Grocery Store

at 10 South State street and would be pleased to get the trade of those who have known me as a clerk in other stores in North Adams. The stock is all new and well-selected and the prices have been made to get business.

Joseph A. Seasons,
NO. 10 SOUTH STATE STREET.

W. J. Taylor.
"Boston Store."

Not a single garment left unsold if PRICES will make them go.

All our 8, 10, 12 and \$15

Jackets
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NEW HAMBURG TRIMMINGS—NEW SCOTCH GINGHAMS—NEW MUSLIN UNDERWEAR—at our usual low prices.

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BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS.

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Wednesday, Feb. 16:

Kirk La Shelle's famous Opera Company in the greatest of all Comic Operas.

The Wizard of the Nile

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50 Artists. Augmented Orchestra. Entertaining Music, Magnificent Scenic Effects, Beautiful Costumes. The only company playing this famous opera in America.

Prices—50—75—\$1—\$1.50. Seats on sale at Bartlett's Drug store Monday, February 14, at 9 a. m.

35 cents

Cold are serious things. They lead to worse things. A cold is the seed of consumption. Croup is a cold's half-brother—it is generally caused by cold, and many a little life has been snuffed out by it because the proper remedy was not at hand.

Dr. Hooker's Cough and Croup Syrup

Gives relief at once. It has saved thousands of lives. Every mother should see that it is always in the house. Don't wait until it is too late. Contains no opium—absolutely safe—recommended by physicians for 50 years. Made only by Charles B. King, Northampton, Mass.

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that sleighing is here, but perhaps it may be necessary to remind you that we have everything necessary for the enjoyment of it—except the horses. We have the

Sleighs, Harnesses, Robes, Whips, Blankets

and all other fittings—prices are right.

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Carpets taken up, cleaned, and relaid at short notice. Try our STEAMING PROCESS—it makes them look like new. Old carpets remodeled. Custom Laundry and Bed Renovating a specialty.

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Great Mark-Down Sale of

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Cloaks marked down to one-half the usual price to clear them quickly and surely.

Handkerchiefs!

A large special stock of Handkerchiefs is here to choose from. More styles than you can imagine, all at little enough prices.

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Has no equal in the treatment of the kidneys and urinary organs. Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pains in the loins, side, back, groin, and bladder? Have you a flabby appearance? The face, especially the eyes? Do you frequently desire to pass urine? William's Kidney Pills will impart new life to the diseased organs, tone up the system and make a new man of you. By mail 50 cents per box. **WILLIAMS' MED. CO., PROP., CLEVELAND, O.**

For sale at 124th St. Drug Store

Local News!

SEARSBURG.

Roads are bad for travel. The late snow storm was the worst in this section for years. It was 22 below zero last week.

D. B. Leray has four teams on the road hauling logs to the R. Bliss mill from the Eames place.

Dr. Gillett of Wilmington was called to Burton's log camp Sunday to attend a sick workman.

Pratt & Brown have dissolved partnership in the log business, Mr. Pratt now running the contract.

Mrs. L. Whitcomb has been quite sick but is improving once more.

Alex. Whitcomb is working for C. C. Rider.

Mrs. Fred Hawkins is at Somerset helping care for the sick at Fred Tudor's.

Henry Sumner is working for W. Watkins at Wilmington.

HOOSAC TUNNEL

Superintendent Howard visited district No. 5 Wednesday.

Edward Hawkes of Rowe was the guest of H. L. Lockhart, Tuesday.

Mr. Raspberry, who has been very sick is reported better.

Misses Anna and Elizabeth Newman of North Adams were home Sunday.

W. N. Potter of Greenfield visited F. S. Rice last week.

A number from here attended the sugar at Friday night given by A. Bliss of Florida.

Mary L. King spent Sunday with Ethel Rice at Charlemont.

The Sunday evening service conducted by Rev. Mr. Coburn was well attended.

We appreciated the way E. Baker kept the roads plowed out during the recent storm.

Dr. Boutagne, Mr. Sanford of Troy, N. Y., and F. S. Rice enjoyed a sleighride through Readsboro to North Adams Monday.

Many People Cannot Drink

Coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. It looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

Pyrour.

An absolute cure for piles. A home remedy, endorsed by home people. North Adams druggists sell it.

Give the Children a Drink

allied Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee, and is free from all injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about as much as coffee, 15 and 25c.

General Agency.

Read the advertisement in another column. There's money in it.

DAVIS BRIDGE.

The town auditors began their work the first of the week. All of the town officers are requested to hand in their bills to them at once.

Four of our young people took a trip to Brattleboro last week and were snow bound there and did not return until Saturday. They said they had made up their minds that bare ground was not the worst sleighing in the world.

George Miller has moved to the Mrs. H. O. Gillette farm. Mrs. Gillette has moved to Turners Falls.

Town meeting will be held at the village hall in Jacksonville March 1.

People are not shipping near as much bark and pulp on the railroad this year as last.

Our former townsman, C. H. Hatch, now of Newfare, is canvassing this town for the Midland Pottery company.

NORTH HEATH.

The North Heath literary society met last Friday evening with Mr. George Thompson and family to the number of twenty. A pleasant evening was passed. There would have been a much larger company if the traveling had been better. The next meeting will be February 18 at George Thompson's.

Miss Alice Burrington closed a very successful term of school on February 4. Her scholars gave her a surprise Thursday evening when they called on her to spend the evening. The time was spent in games and other amusements. Warren Hitchcock presented her with a pair of silver dessert spoons in behalf of the scholars. She responded happily.

Korn, in Heath, February 4, a daughter to James and Joie Ellis.

Norman Daby and wife of Holden have moved to the farm 'Will' Willis lately bought of George Carpenter.

The Long Debate About Plasters

ended years ago in the professional and popular decision that in counter-irritant properties and in high and scientific medication

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are the only porous plasters which can be implicitly trusted to afford quick relief and cure in Muscular Rheumatism, Backache, Lumbago, Pleurisy, Lung and Chest Pains, Pneumonia, Asthma, etc. The general opinion will also be

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ALLIANCE FORMED.

MR. C. C. ISBELL, ONE OF OUR LEADING DRUGGISTS.

Makes Arrangements with a Large New York House,

Their Object is to Produce a Valuable Remedy in a Form that Can be Easily Taken, but Heretofore Impractical. From Now On This New Preparation of an Old Medicine Will Become An Indispensable Auxiliary to the Medical Profession.

Enterprise is one of druggist C. C. Isbell's, of the Wilson House Drug Store, virtues. Often has he demonstrated his ability to not only keep pace with, but to keep ahead of the times. Many times have the people of our city had occasion to be proud of the way this prominent druggist has shown himself to be among the foremost in the country in adopting the latest scientific and chemical discoveries.

Even in this age of progress, the advance in pharmaceutical development has been at times almost of a sensational nature. The druggist or chemist who has not had push and enterprise has soon become a back number, and can be found today running a small store, the appearance of which, devoid of any signs of modernism, is familiar to all.

It has always been Mr. Isbell's ambition to connect himself with some discovery that would not only be a source of profit to himself, but the means of accomplishing good to others. With this in view it is not strange that Mr. Isbell in his profession, should have been led to think seriously concerning the use of cod liver oil. He, like hundreds of other druggists, has sold vast quantities of this valuable, but nauseating remedy.

Into his ear has been poured many a tale of woe, by sufferers who would beg him to advise some way they might take the medicine prescribed for them, and many attempts has he made in the past to enable a patient to take this remedy, knowing well that could they succeed in doing so, he would be instrumental in restoring health—and in many cases even in saving life.

He was obliged to give up attaining the desired end, of disguising the taste of this obnoxious, greasy medicine, as many others have had to before him. He found it was not a very difficult matter to fool the palate, but he could not fool the patient's stomach. Even when the oil had been made tasteless by being administered in capsules or other forms, the stomach would rebel and promptly eject it.

Right at this stage of the game Mr. Isbell learned of an important discovery made by two eminent French chemists: whose secret has been bought by a large New York house. With characteristic enterprise Mr. Isbell connected himself with them, and succeeded in making arrangements with them to directly handle this new discovery.

Thank goodness, we now have at last right here in town a preparation that, contains all the curative principles which have given the cod's liver its great reputation as a remedy for wasting diseases. Now these sought-for principles are in a concentrated form, free from the nauseating, greasy matter that characterizes cod liver oil as we have known it. This extract is put up in a most palatable and delicious form, so that it can be taken by any one with the most delicate and sensitive stomach. It is positively free from any objectionable odor, taste, or any of the other disagreeable features that have always attended cod liver oil.

Mr. Isbell will gladly tell any one who will call on him, all about the discovery. He is so pleased in regard to the matter that he wants everyone to know about it. Above all he wishes it to be positively understood that this new preparation is not a patent medicine. He will tell you everything in plain and simple English, and explain to you how scholars have devoted their lives and capitalists their money, in procuring this product to which has been given the name of Vinol—Wine of Cod Liver Oil.

We think right here it would be a good plan for any one who is so unfortunate as to feel it necessary for their health to take cod liver oil, to hear what Mr. Isbell has to say on the subject. What he will tell you will cost nothing. What you will learn we can safely assert will prove of the greatest value to you.

stered in capsules or other forms, the stomach would rebel and promptly eject it.

When I was still a living man, And ere the years of life were spent, My fearful fancy often ran On what would be my punishment.

For I had sinned as only few In human form have sinned as yet, And, though suspicion slept, I knew That God would wait and not forget.

—Harry Thurston Peck in Bookman.

MY REVENGE.

I hated the boy. Oh, of course I was not right and Christianlike! I never said it was, and no doubt I ought to have loved him the better for having such a large supply of the good gifts that fate had denied to me, only I did not.

He was my stepbrother. My mother married the second time when I was a little chap, and a year later Claude Eccleston was born.

He had the better of me even from birth. I was a wizened bit of a boy, dark haired, dark eyed—sallow like my father, my mother always said—and he was like his father. He had laughing gray eyes, hair with a wave in it, a fresh, clear skin, which made the women want to kiss him. Nobody evinced any longing to kiss me, except the child himself, and I hated him.

He was the only child, and Boddifield would be his after his father, so there was no need for him to earn his living, as there was for me. I was to be a lawyer and to study hard to fit myself for the work while Claude picked up a gentleman's education in leisurely fashion. I felt that to be another injustice.

It cannot be laid to my charge that I simulated an affection that I did not feel. I always held as far as possible aloof from him. I did not return the caresses that as a child he lavished upon me. I never encouraged him to grip my arm and pour his schoolboy confidences into my ear. Later on I never invited him to join me in my evening smoke. My reserve did not seem to rebuff him. Whatever I did I was always "poor old George" or "dear old George," and when I uttered my true sentiments he laughed at my cold blooded cynicism.

He was, of course, my mother's favorite son. The cup of injustice would not have been full without that.

When I was 25 and he 19, there occurred a fresh cause for hatred. The Rise, a pretty little place just out of Boddifield village, was taken by a young and fascinating widow, Mrs. Sinclair.

She was tall and slim, with fair hair and blue eyes with remarkably long lashes, and she suffered it to be understood that her married life had been short and unhappy. She said it must have been, for she did not look more than 23. Altogether she was a most interesting person.

My mother and her husband took to her at once. I had already heard of her winning ways and of her pretty gratitude for all kindness shown her before I went down to Boddifield for Christmas. She dined at the hall on the very evening of my arrival, and before the evening was over I found myself also entangled in the meshes of those long lashes.

It was a keen, frosty night, and she expressed her intention of walking home. It was so delightfully moonlight, and she was not nervous, oh, no. Of course, I had to escort her, and, of course, on my return my mother rallied me on an attention that I had certainly never shown to any woman before.

I had seen her twice before Christmas day, and, on the second occasion, after skating with me all afternoon, she had taken me into her house for a cup of tea. I detest tea, but I had begun to entertain a feeling that was distinctly not detestful for Adela Sinclair.

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WRAPS AND GOWNS.

Present and Future Fashions in Both Departments.

A wrap which serves to complete an elegant toilet is usually short. For ordinary walking purposes it may be short or of half length, the long wrap being too heavy for the exercise. Plain cloths, matelasse, velvet, plush and heavy cloakings are all very beautiful, especially those composed of combinations of dark, rich colors. They are of soft, thick ribbed silk and have knotted fringe at the ends.

Today's illustration shows a ball gown of mauve and white striped silk. The skirt is trimmed with small ruches of white mousseline de soie, which outline panels and edge the foot. The blouse bodice has a pointed decollete surrounded by a fichu of white mousseline, which crosses at the back and forms a bertha in front. The caplets are of gold embroidery bordered by a ruffle of mousseline, and the belt is also of gold embroidery.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

The Keir to the Austrian Throne.

The heir apparent to the throne is the nephew of the emperor, Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Este, a weakling in body and mind, whom nobody knows, for whom no one cares, who has not one single quality to enable him to grasp the reins of the unruly dual team and lead it safely and successfully on its dangerous road. Most likely Ferdinand will find at his accession to the throne—like his uncle in 1848—the whole country in uproar and revolt, some wisacres advising him to drive the state carriage as a German-Magyar-Czech troika; others clamoring for a Czech-Polish-Magyar-German four-in-hand, and the majority of his subjects shouting wildly for a "go as you please" stoichepase.

In well informed courtesies it is whispered already that Ferdinand, who is of delicate health and not able to stand the climate of Vienna, will never sit upon the throne of the Hapsburgs, and even if he should attempt it would not occupy it long. Since he is a bachelor, the reins would pass to his younger brother, Archduke Otto. Then goodbye, Austria! This imperial prince—if all be true that is currently reported—despised alike by all the people, regardless of nationality, creed or party, for his principles, morals and manners, could not find a score of decent men to unfold his banner. Neither could any other member of the Hapsburg family—most of them afflicted with hereditary predispositions to epilepsy, insanity or debauchery—concentrate upon himself such popular sympathies as would make his accession to the throne a lasting success.

—Review of Reviews.

It was one of the sultriest days of the season when the unhappy looking man went into the physician's office. It was a heavy, sullen heat, in which every twig and leaf hung absolutely motionless.

"Doctor," he said, "I want you to repeat something that you told me last year."

"No, I haven't forgotten it. I simply want to hear it over again. You remember early this spring you warned me that I would have to take better care of my general health."

"Yes."

"And you especially pointed out to me that I mustn't sit in a draft."

"I recall that."

"I can't remember your exact language, but you were very eloquent in impressing the risk a man ran when he sat by an open window without any coat on and permitted the zephyrs to enshroud his chest."

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stale that he doesn't know of, but as that can't be we must make what we can of him otherwise. We have more than emptied his pockets tonight, only unluckily the contents of a boy's pocket won't go far with us. What a pity you didn't catch on with the other one."

"It was no use," answered Adela, with an air of apology. "He is too shrewd and cold blooded. There's no turning him round your little finger like Claude. I like the boy, John. You must not go too far with him."

The man laughed brutally.

"I'll go no farther than his money goes. Come, I'm ready for bed. I have done a good day's work."

I stepped back quietly out of the garden. I knew enough. Claude was likely to pay dear for the widow's favor, but I was not called upon to interfere.

After that I heard little or nothing of Mrs. Sinclair. My mother rarely mentioned her and Claude never. I worked steadily at my profession and had little room in the multitude of my thoughts for women or love.

One evening at the beginning of June Claude came in upon me abruptly. His dress was unusually careless, his eyes were red, and his whole appearance showed signs of distraction.

"I'm in awful trouble, George," he said, sinking into a chair in front of me. "I don't know how to save myself, and I'm come to you for help."

The boy looked wretched enough, but I concealed my gratification at the sight of his misery.

"It's through Bretonnet, Mrs. Sinclair's cousin," he explained. "She did give me a hint to be careful, but it was too late. He turned up at Oxford and made me introduce him to a lot of the men, and he's floored them as well as me, and—Here the boy broke down, and the rest of the story I got from him piecemeal."

Bretonnet had got him so deeply in debt that his father, after paying one demand for extra money, had refused to allow him more. He tried, as gamblers will, to mend his fortune by continuing to gamble, a hopeless speculation in most cases and certainly fatal with such an opponent as this. Then came a night when Bretonnet, after his usual success, taunted his miserable debtor, and, having muddled him with drink and threatened him with exposure to the squire and the college authorities, terrorized him into forging his father's signature to a check for a considerable amount.

He should not use the check at present, he said, but kept it in reserve, in case he found it necessary to enforce obedience to his commands.

Claude had by this time formed an attachment for the daughter of a certain professor. Bretonnet demanded an introduction to the members of the family, which Claude flatly refused, and, being told that if in three days he had not yielded the check would be presented for payment, he fled to me as his last hope.

I listened to the story with inward triumph. My hatred was in a fair way to be gratified now. His sole chance, if I left him alone, was to confess everything to his father before Bretonnet had time to act, and let the squire communicate with the bank. Knowing the squire's horror of any kind of gambling, I was aware that Claude would have a bad time of it if he did that. Mother's pet and fortune's darling as he was, he had come to such a pass now that his bitterest enemy might feel gratified.

I could free him if I chose, for it chanced that I had recently become possessed of information concerning Mr. Bretonnet, by use of which I could compel him to almost any course of action, but why should I stir myself for the boy I hated? I looked at him as he sat before me with a miserable, hunted look on his face, and I sat for a minute enjoying my triumph.

"I don't see that I can help you," I said harshly.

Certainly the boy was amazingly fresh and handsome. I knew that my face looked cloudier and more sallow by contrast with his. I knew also that he was heir to some thousands a year, while I could only hope to count my income by hundreds. Of course, I could not expect to look for myself.

There was some satisfaction for me in perceiving that my mother and the squire were as little pleased by the widow's attentions to Claude as I was. It amused me to make her own, indirectly, of course, that she considered the widow very suitable for me, but not good enough for Claude. I betrayed no sort of feeling over the matter myself.

Two days after Christmas I left Claude at Boddifield to enjoy Mrs. Sinclair's society, but I was to run down again for a couple of days' hunting before he went back to Oxford.

When I came back those few days later, I found that Claude had been making the most of his time. He had spent part of every day at the Rise, notwithstanding that Mrs. Sinclair had also been to the hall, and he spoke of the lady as Adela.

"If only I were as old as you, old boy," he said regretfully. "I suppose she'd laugh at me if I made a regular proposal at 19. I shall be 20 in a month or two and then I'll do it."

When I laughed quietly. Away from Boddifield I had somewhat thrown off the spell of the widow's charms, and it might be that Claude would go through the same experience. In the meantime, I intended to have an eye on the lady in a different sense from that in which I had hitherto indulged in the practice.

"She's a cousin down here now, don't you know him?" Claude went on. "I dare say he is a nice fellow enough, but one can't see her without him hanging around."

"I thought she said she had no one hanging to her."

"I suppose she would not count consins as anybody. Anyway the fellow is there and seems pretty intimate. The mother does not quite approve of her having male consins to stay."

I scanned a little queer to me after vowing that she was alone in the world. You cannot be exactly that when you have a cousin privileged to stay in the house. However, nobody ties a woman down to absolute accuracy of speech.

Claude was missing during the evening—down at the Rise, my mother supposed, with a sigh. He was there too often. Perhaps my influence might do something to stop it. I turned over a page or two of my book. If Claude was doing anything likely to get him into any sort of trouble, I was most distinctly not going to stop it.

When my mother retired, I strolled out into the wintry darkness. I might as well see what was going on at the Rise for my own satisfaction.

Within five minutes' walk of the widow's house I passed Claude, or rather stepped back into the shadow to let him pass me. He was whistling rather ruefully. I went on and looked for a chink in the enchantment's glitter.

As luck would have it, the cousin had drawn back the curtains to look out at the night. I saw into the room. The table was covered with evidences of card playing and of whisky drinking. It struck me that the lady had been sharing in both pursuits. The cousin's appearance did not appeal to my taste.

"Well, Adela," he said, dropping the curtain so that I could only gain a glimpse of her sitting there in "your purr" as he put it, "I'm sorry you're not in a minute it is worth it for the little bit about."

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only know that as you else can," answered Claude, with a sort of half sob. Then he flung his arms, boy fashion, round my neck and hid his face against me. "George, dear old George! You have always been so good to me! I know you will save me!"

Good to him! I had always hated him, but there was something I could not stand in his utter confidence in me, in the touch of his clinging arms and the recollection of the hundred times he had clung in like fashion before.

Something in my heart seemed to give way. I pushed him back and actually kissed him—the kiss of peace—and then straightway went out and settled Mr. Bretonnet's pretensions.

Next morning Claude had the satisfaction of burning that check, and at the present day I have no dearer friend than my brother.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

What's in a Name?

Shanks is a man of theories. He is continually springing them on his friends, who do not appreciate his intentions and have been trying to upset him for a long time. The other night they succeeded. Shanks' latest was that Christian names are indicative of the general character of the persons who bear them.

"But that can't be right," objected Banks. "We don't christen ourselves."

"It is quite true that our names are given to us by our parents before our characters are developed," said Shanks, "but we have all learned something of the doctrine of heredity, and that explains it. If a man has high brow notions, he will give his offspring some grand name. The child inherits the notions from his parent, and the Christian name suits the child's character. It's as simple as can be. Can't make out why some of the clever men haven't thought of it before."

"But suppose a girl's name is Ann. What then?" asked Banks.

"That's a nice short name, and, according to my theory, it indicates some one who likes things put in order—precise, definite."

"That's where you are wrong," exclaimed Banks, seizing the opportunity. "We have on the authority of Lindley Murray and many others that 'an' is an indefinite article."

Shanks retired in disgust.—Pearson's Weekly

GENERAL COURT.

New Ma is Presented For Consideration at Tuesday's Session.

Boston, Jan. 18.—Mr. Couch of Northampton introduced a bill providing that the property of widows of soldiers and sailors shall be exempt from taxation to the amount of \$200 provided the whole estate does not exceed in valuation \$500.

Mr. Cullins of Lawrence introduced a bill which provides that the chiefs of police, city marshals and captains of police in cities and towns shall have the power of justices of police courts to admit to bail persons arrested for a minor offense. They shall not receive fees.

Mr. Hayes of Lowell introduced a bill defining the term "veteran" as used in the act relative to the public service of the commonwealth. The change proposed is striking out the words "The time of the war of the rebellion" and substituting "Time of war." The word "veteran" is construed to mean a person who served in the army or navy of the United States in time of war, and was honorably discharged therefrom.

Mr. Troy of Salem introduced a bill providing that candidates for municipal office in cities and towns, or the delegates designed to support such candidates shall be nominated, or in the case of delegates shall be elected in mass caucuses, in their respective wards or towns, at which not less than 20 per cent of the legal voters of each polling place shall be present and voting. This act does not apply to the city of Boston.

Mr. Dallinger of Middlesex introduced a bill relative to the valuation of life insurance policies. The measure provides that policies may be hereafter issued by domestic life insurance companies conditional upon a 3-1/2 or 3 percent per annum interest; basis of computing reserve which policies shall have surrender charges and paid up insurance and cash surrender values computed on a corresponding basis.

Mr. Bennett of Sagus again brought the matter of textile education to the attention of the legislature when he introduced a bill relative to the number and qualification of state trustees in textile schools. The bill provides that the number of trustees appointed by the state shall be six, instead of two, and that one-half the trustees thus appointed shall be selected from associations of mill owners, mill managers, second hands or other organizations of active workers in mills below the grade of superintendent; also that when any city shall appropriate and pay to any textile school, or whenever the trustees of any such corporation shall pay into its treasury, for the purpose of maintenance and establishment of such school, any sum of money, there shall be appropriated from the state treasury a sum of money equal to the total amount thus appropriated and paid, not exceeding \$5,000, and the government shall appoint the trustees after the manner named above.

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PRENTICE MULFORD.

The Life Story of a Philosopher.

FORCES OF THE UNSEEN.

Romantic Career of One of the Most Remarkable Men of the Century--Founder of The White Cross Library.

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This is the life story of one who formulated a philosophy.

His name was Prentice Mulford. He began the periodical publication of The White Cross Library, in which his theories of life and conduct are set forth, some 12 years ago. His death occurred about five years later. The sale of The Library, at that time moderate, has since then gradually increased, until now, according to the New York Sun of a recent date, its numbers are in "almost as great demand as 'Tribune' was a year or two ago."

Though chiefly devoted to moral and intellectual development, some numbers of this library deal largely with material affairs. The president of a prominent insurance company was so impressed by the perusal of "How to Push Your Business" some time since that

complicating much. Then he shipped as cook on the schooner Henry, bound from San Francisco on a "whaling, sealing, abalone curing and general pick up voyage" along the Lower California coast. As he could cook nothing well save Irish stew his experiences and those of the schooner's captain and crew were unusual from the beginning of the voyage. Described by Mulford, they seem to have been funny, and so they doubtless often were, but it took his own genial fancy to find the fun and his own clever pen to bring out the humor of the situations.

When this voyage was over, he left off following the sea for the second time and went to the placer regions. This course was not taken without a struggle, for he reshaped as cook on another vessel, but was discharged before she cleared because he couldn't cook. He had \$29 on his share of the proceeds from the Henry's catch of whales, but he spent a good deal of it before he went out to the mines. His first failure in the mountains was peddling meat. Then he hired himself to the man who kept the chief store, saloon and boarding house at Hawkins Bar. There he was "errand boy, bar-keeper, bookkeeper, wood-chopper, assistant cook and general maid of all work." He was again likewise a failure and, being discharged with the storekeeper's blessing, was forced to seek gold with dipper and cradle.

It was not until after 1850 that Mulford saw he was also a failure at mining. He found gold—indeed, a good deal of it in the aggregate, but the net was nil. So he became a schoolmaster at Jintown, Tuolumne county. He earned plenty of experience, but little money there. In 1852 the copper fever broke out in Stanislaus county, and he quit teaching to form a company to mine this metal. For a year or two thereafter he "lived high," in one sense at least, since the company's headquarters were away up in the mountains,

which was recognized by a publisher then newly established in New York. He sent for Mulford, who responded promptly, but was so diffident that he escaped from the office before much business could be transacted. A few days later, however, the two met again, and Mulford's shyness wearing away by degrees, they came eventually to know each other well. It was through Mulford's acquaintance with this publisher that "The Bank of California," a story of much merit, was written for serial publication in the newspapers. It was through him also that Mulford's general work was introduced in many parts of the United States, where it had hitherto been unknown.

Mulford's shyness at this time was truly painful to witness. It had seemingly increased rather than diminished since his boyhood, and had been intensified by his bitter experiences on the Pacific slope and the unfortunate circumstances of his marriage, for in his time he had encountered romance as well as adversity. The situation was as clear to himself as to any one else, and he saw plainly that he must overcome his nervousness and diffidence or by these qualities be overthrown. So he went manfully at the task of eradicating them.

It was through his struggles to right himself that his philosophy came into being. It first took the shape of brief formulations for his own guidance, many of which were wrought out while he was living the life of a hermit on the shore of the Hudson, at the foot of the Palisades, in 1853, though publication of The White Cross Library was not begun till some time later. It consisted of thin, flat pamphlets, each bearing a title of its own, such as "The God In Yourself," "Force and How to Get It," "The Drawing Power of Mind," "You Travel When You Sleep," "The Church of Silent Demand" and so on. In all, 17 numbers, now bound up in six volumes, were issued. Besides he published a novel, "The Swamp Angel," and "Prentice Mulford's Story" (autobiographical) in book form.

Mulford's essays contain the essence of all his ponderings during the wonderfully varied life he lived at sea, on the tops of the mountains and in the haunts of men. They can hardly be termed religious, though they convey nothing incompatible with Christianity, nor is his philosophy entirely in sympathy with theosophical doctrines, though dealing largely in occult thought. As before indicated in this article, some treat chiefly of material affairs, and this is wholly consistent since, in Mulford's view, the spiritual, the intellectual and the material are only different phases of the same actuality. This is shown clearly by the motto "Thoughts Are Things" printed at the bottom of each page of his books. It may be added that while he believed fully in reincarnation many doctrines that have been lately attributed to him are entirely foreign to his system and teaching.

A change began to take place in Mulford with the formulation of his philosophy. In 1858 he found a publisher in the person of a Boston gentleman who entered with hearty sympathy into his plans. The friendship then initiated grew to be of the most intimate sort, and Mulford's intellectual and ethical growth from that time on was notable. His physical health and appearance improved wonderfully also. He wore better clothes than ever before. He held his head up and looked all mankind in the face. In fact, from a man who was obviously oppressed with such timidity that he couldn't use his powers even if he knew them, he was transformed into a strong, self-reliant personality, clearly cured of himself and his own abilities. Hitherto he had been a failure, but the formulation of his philosophy and the observance of its precepts had made him successful at last.

But whether successful or otherwise, Mulford could not conform wholly to the conventionalities, and he spent much time away from the haunts of men. He was especially prone to do this when he had work to perform on his library, and he often spent days alone in a boat.

One day late in May, 1861, a Gloucester fishing dory, shaded with a white canvas awning, was observed to be floating at anchor on the surface of one of the bays that indent Long Island's southern shore. Those who noted it took brief interest in the little craft and promptly fixed their minds on other things. Next day the dory was seen again, still tugging at the end of its anchor chain, now swung this way by a vagrant zephyr, now that way by the tidal current. Again there was transient interest and again forgetfulness.

But on the next day, or perchance the day after that, a boatman rowed out to the swinging corkscrew. Drawing near, he observed a white cross painted on the bow. Then a man's body was seen lying full length on the bottom. Further examination showed that the boat's cargo included pens, ink and paper, an outfit for camping and a quantity of food. Some of the paper bore handwriting, every curve and shading of which betrayed a strong individuality.

News that he who had sailed in the white canopied dory was dead soon found its way to New York. There it was once surmised that the man was Prentice Mulford, and this was confirmed by investigation. Later the body was laid away near Sag Harbor.

DENTER MARSHALL.

Below will be found some extracts from Mr. Mulford's writings, from which a hint or two of his teachings may be obtained; it should be added that they cover the widest possible range of thought and human experience:

"The basis for attracting the best of all the world can give to you is to first surround, own and live in these things in mind, or what is falsely called imagination. All so called imaginings are realities and forces of unseen element. Live in mind in a palace, and gradually palatial surroundings will gravitate to you. But so living is not plating or lining or complainingly wishing. It is when you are 'down in the world,' calmly and persistently seeing yourself as up. It is when you are now compelled to eat from a tin plate, regarding that tin plate as only the certain step to one of silver. It is not of envying and growling at other people who have silver plates. That growling is just so much capital stock taken from the bank account of mental force."

"Any person's good will is a real, living, active substance, flowing always to you as that person thinks of you. It has a commercial value in dollars and cents. It will be also an element sent from the person that thinks it and works against you, though that person never speaks or acts with the body against you. This you can only successfully oppose by putting out against it the thought element of friendliness. The thought of good to others is the stronger unseen element and can turn the bad (the weaker) aside. It prevents it from reaching or harming you. Through the working of that same law it is dangerous to make enemies, no matter how good or just the cause."

"There cannot be the highest health and vigor without aspiration and purity of thought. Pure thought brings the purest blood. Impure thought, despondent, hopeless, repining, fault finding, fretful, slanderous thought, is certain to make the blood impure and fill the system with disease. Without aspiration your best care for the body will be relatively of little help. You may as to garb and person be scrupulously clean; you may pay the utmost attention to diet; yet, after all, you are but cleaning the outside of a vessel which within is ever filling up with uncleanness."

"You can cultivate courage and increase it at every minute and hour of the day. You can have the satisfaction of knowing that in everything you do you have accomplished two things—namely, the doing of the thing itself and by the manner of its doing adding eternally to yourself another atom of the quality of courage. You can do this by the cultivation of deliberation—deliberation of speech, of walk, of writing, of eating—deliberation in everything."

Two Royal Jubilees.

Two important jubilees take place this year. One is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the throne of King Albert of Saxony, which will be celebrated in April, while the other is the fiftieth anniversary of the succession to the crown of Emperor Francis Joseph, which occurs the early part of December next. Both Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph have arranged to be at Dresden for the king of Saxony's jubilee, and it is not unlikely that the czar likewise may attend, while on his way back from Copenhagen, where he is due 10 days previous to take part in the celebration of the eightieth birthday of his grandfather, the king of Denmark, and of the marriage of Prince Christian of Denmark with the young Duchess Alexandrina of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, which is to take place at the same time.

But of all the guests who will visit Dresden in April the most welcome undoubtedly will be the emperor of Austria, who is the oldest and most intimate personal friend of King George. There is a good deal in common between these two old monarchs, who bear a certain degree of personal resemblance to each other, possess the same tastes, and never are so supremely happy and contented as when together employed in stalking chamois or other mountain game. In the case of each, accession to the throne followed on the mental decrepitude of the predecessor, and neither the one nor the other can be said to have been altogether happy in his private life and domestic relations. Thus King George was forced by his father to desert his wife in order to contract an altogether loveless union with the eminently excellent, but exceedingly commonplace, dull and unattractive Princess Carola of Vasa, the last scion of the ancient Swedish royal house of Vasa, which at the beginning of the

MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL.

An Annual Festival of Frivolity.

THE SEASON AT NEW ORLEANS

Extensive Preparations Making For the Celebration Soon to Take Place in the Crescent City.

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The approaching Mardi Gras season, to Americans at least, means the annual jubilee of frivolity in New Orleans. The earliest known carnival in the United States was given by the creole residents of the Crescent City more

than 60 years ago, the success being so pronounced that it was repeated in 1837, and from thenceforth became one of the annual features of social life there.

The following alleged cablegram tells a story that, always old yet ever new, brought joy to the heart of every resident who read it over his morning's coffee:

Hague, Jan. 10, 1893.

Bathurst, Lord High.

Preparations which have been quietly progressing now indicate that his majesty Rex, king of the carnival, will embark from this port for the Crescent City. Couriers have been arriving from various potentates soliciting the distinguished privilege of accompanying his majesty on the royal fleet. Special guards were dis-

patched with the queen's jewels, which are of exquisite design and inestimable value. His majesty has determined to present this magnificent "parade" to one of the loveliest ladies of his court.

It is rumored that the royal physician will bring with his outfit an instrument destined to astonish the medical world with reference to the germ theory. Nous verrons.

DU MAUPRAT, A. D. C.

This was the initial announcement made to the people of New Orleans of the carnival of 1893, which was supplemented by a notice in the newspapers of that city that the auspicious event would culminate on Monday, Feb. 21, and the promise is made that this year's celebration will be more brilliant than ever. Northern cities have little of the carnival spirit, but in the far west the people have taken up the idea with enthusiasm, and in recent years Tacoma has had its celebration, San Diego an annual water pageant, Pasadena a battle of roses, Santa Barbara a flower festival and Los Angeles a Mexican fiesta.

The beautiful city of Louisiana, on the lower Mississippi, has long been famous for its magnificent carnival pageants as artistic as they are costly and of stupendous grandeur. The visitor at one is always anxious to return again for a sight of this beautiful spectacle.

On carnival day there are always two pageants, one by night and one by day. The gorgeous day procession of King Rex appears on the streets in the morn-



THE GRAND BAL MASQUE.

ing about 10 o'clock and winds its dazzling length through the principal streets of the city. The night pageant is more of a masquerade, given largely to frivolity, the Mistic Krewes of Comus conducting the gorgeous display. Later in the night comes the grand carnival ball, a blaze of glory and intoxication of revelry.

For months the floats or the great parades have been in preparation, and extra efforts have been taken to make them not alone strong, but of surpassing magnificence. This year the military parade, too, promises to be of especial interest.

His majesty Rex, the king of the carnival, who arrives in the city Monday, Feb. 21, has issued invitations for his royal reception and ball to take place at Carnival palace on Tuesday. The souvenir which accompanies the admission card is of very handsome design, rich and brilliant in colors and indicative of the pastant to be made by Rex. Comus commands the presence of his friends at the revelries of his Mistic Krewes on Tuesday at the opera house.

There is always much quizzical interest in the personnel of the mystic king of the carnival, his majesty Rex. The position is not a limited and provisional one any longer. For the sway of the carnival king is acknowledged and recognized not only over the world of folly and fun, but even among the dynasties of seriousness and fact, and it is owing to the annual reign of this monarch that New Orleans has become pre-eminent among the cities of America.

Every New Orleans girl lives in anticipation of being crowned queen of the carnival. Such coronation is equivalent to a notice served on all the social world that Rex has recognized her as the great belle of the season. Once a Rex belle forever a belle is the well known axiom of the Delta City. In a place so prolific of beautiful women as New Orleans it is evident that the fortunate selection of Rex must enjoy her triumph at the expense of many aching hearts. It is known that the prize win-



THE STREET CARNIVAL

General Gatacre.

General W. E. Gatacre, C. B., D. S. O., who is to command the British brigade in Egypt, was recently brigadier general of the second class in Bombay. He was born in 1843 and entered the Seventy-seventh foot in 1862 and passed through the staff college in 1874. His war services include the Hazara expedition, 1883; Burma, 1889, and Chitral, 1895, when he conducted the action at Wainagal and the passage of Jantatal and Loweral passes, for which he received his C. B.

Chinese rice paper is made from the straw of the rice plant. By using the more delicate parts of the straw a fine fabric has been manufactured.

coast of Africa. The trunks of the trees of this peculiar forest are 4 feet in diameter, and yet they only attain the height of a foot, giving the tree the appearance of a round table. There are never more than two leaves, which attain a length of 6 feet and a breadth of 2 feet, the flowers forming crimson clusters.

While the tea growing industry of Ceylon is at its best the coffee planters are near ruin. Disease is carrying off the plants rapidly.

The camphor trees of Japan, China

and Formosa are beginning to fail, and the United States government has tried the experiment of growing camphor in Florida with encouraging success.

The oldest rosebush in the world is at Hildesheim, Germany. Charlemagne planted it more than 1,000 years ago in commemoration of the embassy received from Haroun al Raschid the caliph.

The tree called William the Conqueror's oak, in Windsor park, London, is supposed to be 1,200 years old. While there has been for a number

of years a growing American market for the high qualities of wood from Asia (teak wood especially), the American export of wood to foreign markets was until about a year ago unimportant. Last year, however, China imported 13,000,000 square feet of American lumber, most of it from the states of Oregon and Washington.

The London Medical Press asserts that some plants sleep through the rainy season, others during periods of drought, of heat or cold. Farmers are rather skeptical about weeds ever going

to sleep, and it is hard to realize that an onion bed is nightly wrapped in balm slumber. Yet science in this matter is too well fortified to be doubted.

The ex-queens of the carnival form the particular collection of beautiful beings of which New Orleans is most proud. Rex has been particularly fortunate in his selections of these queens for a night. Not one has ever had the misfortune of a scandal.

Good King Rex, indeed a despot during carnival time, and the mayor of New Orleans officially yields up the keys of the city. The king's name is sufficient to bring about almost anything that his indefatigable prime minister, or lord chancellor, as he is called, may conceive.

The Order of Rex is different in its interior organization from any of the many which serve to make the Crescent City so peculiarly an enjoyable place during the prevalence of the festivities. It is not a secret order, though to some extent ostensibly so. Its membership is formed of the leading men of the city—merchants, bankers, lawyers and professional men—and the contributors to the general fund, particularly the merchants, receive as marks of royal esteem "dukedoms." Colonels and majors are therefore overshadowed by the dukes. The king is not supposed to be known outside of the carnival court and is selected by the members of that court from among their number. It is deemed a pre-eminent honor, and, like a nod and many honors, is quite expensive. It is generally his royal large means and distributive hand, and from his large contributions to the general fund, to the superb costume he wears, there are suppers, carriages, etc., for which he must pay, and the bills amount to thousands.

He is always masked or "made up" when appearing in public, but in reality takes no part in the first day's ceremonies, which are made striking for the pomp and parade incident to the arrival of the king. For some weeks prior to the day of his arrival his patches appear in the leading dailies, as if from his royal highness on his voyage from the Sandwich Islands, West Indies or some far distant country from which he is supposed to come to pay his annual visit to his beloved subjects. This year, as the beginning of the article indicates, he comes from Holland.

As a rule, some active member of the Order of Rex presumes the king the first day, and this is considered a mark of favor, so that only that of kinghood itself. On Tuesday, however, which is the big day in New Orleans, the king appears in the grand day parade, or Rex and holds a royal reception at Carnival palace during the evening. The glorious roll of the Mistic Krewes or of the Knights of Momus at the opera house is not in reality opened until Rex and the queen with their court arrive.

The queen does not appear until the Carnival palace is thrown open at night, and then seated in the chair of state upon a raised and imposing platform, with the king at her side, and behind and about them both the high dignitaries of the court and the maids of honor, with their gentlemen attendants, she presents a picture which thousands of people have considered complete recompense for hours of crowded discomfort in the streets in front of the palace or in the outer halls opening into the royal room.

One going to New Orleans to pass before the royal maids and some conception may be had of the immense preparations necessary to accommodate the vast throng when it is stated that the masses come in and pass before the throne 20 abreast. The throngroom varies each year, and upon it is expended in decorations to carry out the general theme to be symbolized from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

One year this throngroom represented the bottom of the sea, and it was a perfect marvel of detail supposed to be in accordance with the best of the ocean, and lighted up as it was by invisible electric lights the effect was gorgeously weird. The dais upon which the throne was erected and its surroundings represented coral caverns, the throne made of coral, seashells and other symbolical characteristics. As each line of subjects came up all heads bowed, and this courtesy, acknowledged by Rex and his queen, led to the constant moving of the crest, as it were, of the vast wave of humanity.

Those who have not participated on both sides of carnival life in New Orleans, the outer and the inner circles, can have no conception of the extent to which the details are conceived and the exactitude with which they are given.

Rex, the main day parade, is all other organizations of a similar character in New Orleans, is the theme of the procession and the subject of months of study, and its development is a matter of the closest attention and decidedly free expenditure of money.

After the street pageant, the receptions and the balls of the crowd of northern visitors have left the city and Lent has finally passed its 40 days the queen is serenaded almost nightly by parties composed of Rex and other organizations, and she is, until the next queen is named, the first lady in New Orleans society circles.

A Story by Bishop Whipple.

Bishop Whipple, according to The Church News, told this story:

A devout colored preacher, whose heart was aglow with missionary zeal, gave notice to his congregation that in the evening an offertory would be taken for missions and asked for liberal gifts. A selfish, well to do man in the congregation said to him before the service:

"Yer gwine ter kill dis church of yer goes on sayin give! No church can stan' it. Yer gwine ter kill it."

After the sermon the colored minister said to the people:

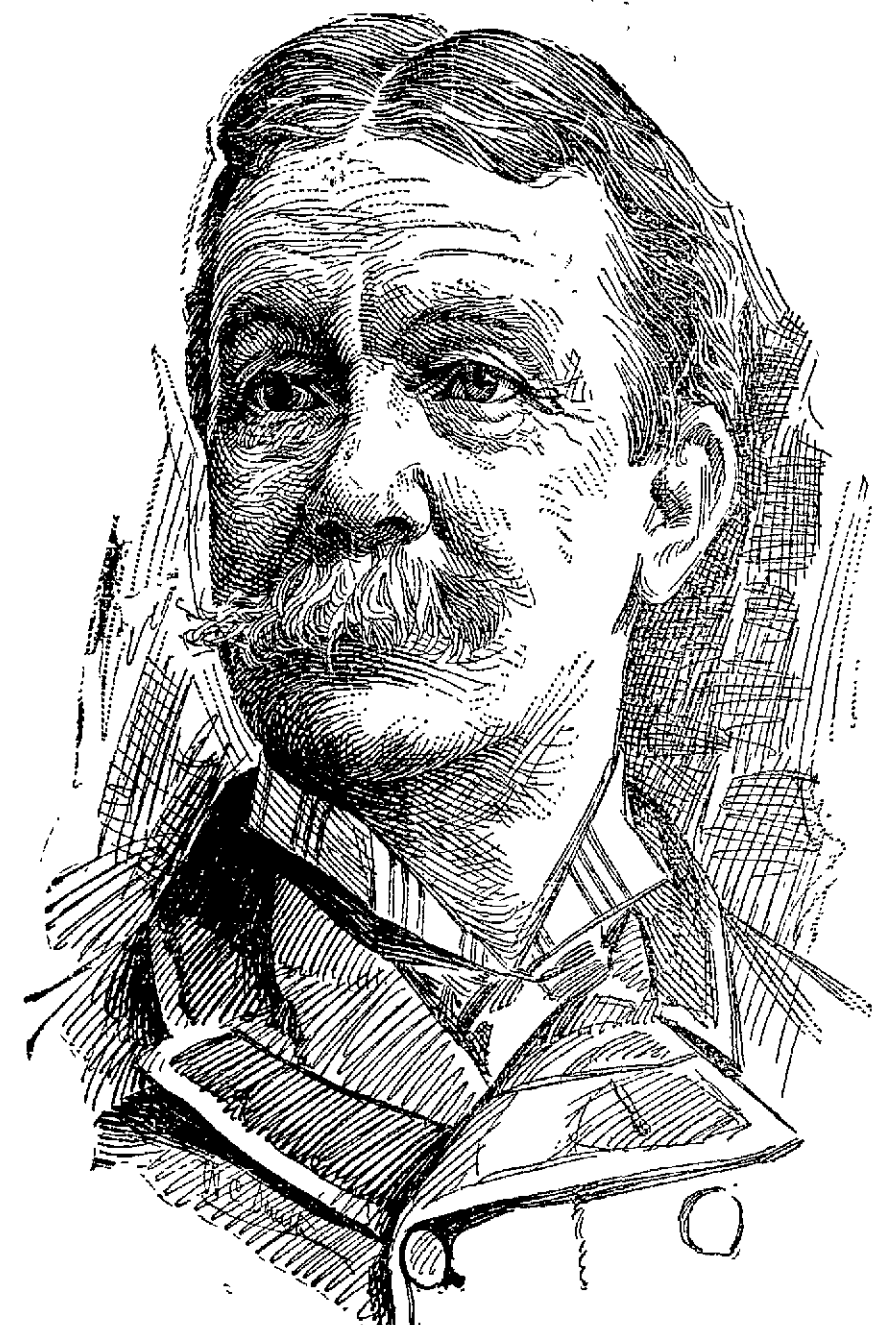
"Brother Jones told me I was goin ter kill dis church of I kept a askin yer ter give, but my brethren, churches doesn't die dat way. Ef anybody knows of a church dat died because it's been givin too much ter de Lord, I'll be very much obliged of my brother will tell me whar dat church is, for I's gwine ter it, an I'll climb on de walls of dat church, under de light of de moon, an cry, 'Blessed am de dead dat die in de Lord.'"

One of the most beautiful orchids was recently exhibited at London. It was a white flower shaped like a sea gull with outspread wings, and a gold and vermilion heart. It came from Venezuela and cost \$1,000.

to sleep, and it is hard to realize that an onion bed is nightly wrapped in balm slumber. Yet science in this matter is too well fortified to be doubted.

The peach was originally a poisoned almond. Transplantation and cultivation have not only removed its poisonous qualities, but turned it into the delicious fruit we now enjoy.

Oranges, limes, bananas and coconuts grow wild in Costa Rica. The natives are now recommending grapes for strengthening the voice.



PRENTICE MULFORD.

the agents of his company were instructed to study this number closely, and each one was furnished a copy thereof.

For some years prior to his death he was in the habit of making addresses at definite intervals, in which he elucidated his theories with reference to specific conditions. Today meetings of those who have accepted his philosophy are being regularly held in many cities. In fact, thousands are now interested in the Mulford theory and philosophy, in place of hundreds when he died.

Mulford was born at Sag Harbor, L. I. His family was one of the oldest on all the island, but while Prentice was yet only a lad he came to see that he could never win a place in the world worth having at Sag Harbor. This was borne in upon him with great vividness when he stood upon the wooden pier at home and watched a shipload of Long Islanders sail for California soon after gold had there been found.

It was not till 1855, however, that he left Sag Harbor. Before that there had been little in life for him, either actually or prospectively. Afterward there was always hope, but for years somehow realization was ever far in the future and his existence was long a succession of hardships and disappointments, of strenuous effort fruitlessly repeated again and again. But this is a world of compensation. Had his path through the world been easier to the foot Prentice Mulford's philosophy would probably never have been written.

When he left Sag Harbor it was to serve as a boy before the mast on board the clipper ship Wizard, bound from New York to San Francisco. Before the vessel had been long at sea she sprang a leak, and from that time till her anchor was cast inside the Golden Gate Mulford had to take his turn with the others of the crew at the pumps. When the long, tedious voyage was at last completed, the captain informed the boy that he never could be a sailor and sent him adrift. This was in August, 1856. Mulford's money was limited to what he had earned on the Wizard. He was a stranger in a strange land. He was naturally cursed with an obstinate bashfulness. He knew not which way to turn.

The vigilantes then had control of San Francisco. For months Mulford knocked about its streets without ac-

But this enterprise failed also and was abandoned in its turn.

Wearing homemade snow shoes, he started for the coast alone in the dead of winter over a trail deep buried by the snow. For days he struggled along, barely escaping death by freezing, sliding over precipices and drowning. His survival is one of the mysteries. After that he dug post holes to live. Then he wrote out a lecture, and when he had delivered it many times to the rocks and the trees he invited a few friends to go into the courthouse at Sonoma and hear it. They liked it, and then for some time he earned a livelihood on the rostrum. It was tough work, though, and he generally had to walk from one place to the next because he couldn't afford to ride.

In 1856 he ran for the state legislature. But he got a little mixed about "greenbacks" and failed of election. All along he had been an occasional contributor to coast newspapers, and his work had attracted general attention. In 1858 he was amazed by being asked to join the staff of the San Francisco Golden Era. Even that time, to his death, his pen was almost constantly employed, and much of his work was of an exceedingly high order. Some of his humorous writing was fully equal to that of Mark Twain at his best.

Mulford left San Francisco in 1871, after having served three papers—the last of which was The Chronicle—successively, and successfully, too, had he only known it. But in his own mind he was still a failure, and, as he used to say years afterward, it seemed a wonderful thing to him that any editor should buy his manuscript. Yet at that very time there was a much greater demand for his work than he could possibly supply. For years thereafter he traveled in transatlantic lands, and his correspondence found place in some of the best known newspapers and periodicals in this country. Then he settled down on the now dead and gone New York Daily Graphic.

It was one of his duties while employed on that paper to condense each day's news to a column, and this work, which done by most men would have been thoroughly dry as dust in character, was by him so performed as to attract general attention. Even when he belted down facts the result was fresh, unconventional and abounding with brief cleverness.

It was through these condensations

ing, growing woods, which offer greater resistance.

A Maine girl earned \$200 last summer selling four leaf clovers at 10 cents each to a jeweler, to be made into good luck bands.

The oldest tree in the British Isles is the Yarnbourne yew, in Kent, 3,000 years old.

Seaweed makes an excellent barom-

eter. In fine weather it will remain dry and dusty, but with an increase of moisture in the air it becomes limp and sticky, indicating the approach of rain.

The Japanese cite 269 color varieties of the chrysanthemum, of which 63 are yellow, 87 white, 32 purple, 30 red, 31 pale pink, 12 russet and 14 of mixed colors.

The most extraordinary forest in the world is one discovered in Brazil, which covers an area of about 500 miles broad, at a height of 300 or 400 feet above the sea, near the west

INTERESTING PLANTS.

It appears from the experiments of a French scientific man that oak trees are in more danger than other trees of being struck by lightning. Beeches, on the contrary, are not good conductors of electricity. The danger of trees from lightning is great in proportion to the electrical conductivity of their wood. Dead trees and dead wood generally form much better conductors than liv-

SECOND BIG BALL

Knights of Columbus and Their Friends Again Fill Wilson House.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS SCORED

The Last Big Social Event of the Season in North Adams. Many Out of Town Guests and Striking Gowls.

No greater social success has marked the present season than the Knights of Columbus ball last evening. It was the second annual event of its kind, and by its brilliancy and gaiety established firmly the permanency of the Knights of Columbus as hosts in North Adams society. The Wilson opera house was crowded with merry dancers until a late hour this morning, when the departing guests marked the close of the last great event of the season of 1903.

The success of the affair was evident from the beginning to the close. The first ball was pronounced a most brilliant affair, but this, the second, eclipsed the former and made it a notable achievement in the society of St. Francis' parish. About 100 couples were on the floor during the evening, and the sides of the floor and the gallery were filled with spectators for the beautiful, ever changing scene of gaiety.

The decorations were the same as those already described for the charity ball, with the addition of brilliant effects with electric lights. Over the stage, which was transformed into a pretty balcony for the orchestra, was a star and crescent of red and white colored globes, and in the centerpieces of the ceiling decorations a cluster of white lights glowed and twinkled.

The music, by the Ideal orchestra under the leadership of Joseph Bohls, was excellent, and drew praises from the dancers and spectators throughout the evening. At 8.30 o'clock the promenade concert was begun, and the following program was given as a delightful prelude to the dances:

March—Durch Kampf Zum Sieg, F. V. Blon
Concerto Overture, E. Sommer
Trombone Romance, Bennett
F. Murray.

Russian Dance, Ganne
The Racket at Gillespie's, descriptive, an Old Country Party, L. O. de Witt
Soon after 9.30, the grand march was formed, led by City Solicitor P. J. Ashe with Miss Minnie O'Brien, with 65 couples in line. At the close of the march and circle, the first waltz drew every dancer to the floor. For the rest of the evening the waltzes and two steps were interspersed with lancers and quadrilles in delightful succession. There were 22 dances and five extras. During the intermission a delicately served banquet was provided.

The committee of arrangements were: William E. Loneragan, P. J. Ashe, John F. Dooley, Dr. E. E. Vadnais, George F. Owens, Dr. J. J. F. McLaughlin, C. E. Gosselin, Peter Keefe, William H. Barrett, William H. Bennett.

P. J. Ashe was floor director, with the following: Dr. William H. Bennett, John J. McCaffery, Dr. J. J. F. McLaughlin, William H. Barrett, Dr. F. F. Owens, P. H. Moloney, Dr. E. E. Vadnais, W. E. Loftus, Thomas A. Haggerty, Thomas D. Joyce, James E. Miller.

The reception committee was: P. J. Boland, E. Bissailon, John H. Mack, Dr. William Galvin, Dr. W. F. McGrath, Thomas F. Loftus, Timothy Collins, Louis Haussler, D. A. Barsalou, Farrell Coyle, T. F. Guaning, H. S. Lyons, Dr. A. Mignault, Dr. C. J. Curran, W. M. Brown, John Morrissey, D. H. Moloney, P. H. Cronin, P. F. Driscoll, John E. Bowes.

Among the out-of-town guests were the following: Dr. William H. Bennett, John J. McCaffery, Dr. J. J. F. McLaughlin, William H. Barrett, Dr. F. F. Owens, P. H. Moloney, Dr. E. E. Vadnais, W. E. Loftus, Thomas A. Haggerty, Thomas D. Joyce, James E. Miller. The reception committee was: P. J. Boland, E. Bissailon, John H. Mack, Dr. William Galvin, Dr. W. F. McGrath, Thomas F. Loftus, Timothy Collins, Louis Haussler, D. A. Barsalou, Farrell Coyle, T. F. Guaning, H. S. Lyons, Dr. A. Mignault, Dr. C. J. Curran, W. M. Brown, John Morrissey, D. H. Moloney, P. H. Cronin, P. F. Driscoll, John E. Bowes.

Home For Aged Women.

The board of control of the Home for Aged Women, Pittsfield, calls the attention of the people of Berkshire county to the present condition and needs of the work it is doing. Within the last two years this work has greatly increased and has outrun the resources which were previously sufficient for its support. A home is now made for 23 old women and several applicants await admission. The inmates are surrounded by the comforts of a true home. This work costs in money at least \$5,000 a year, of which about \$3,750 is assured from the interest of the endowment fund, from the yearly liberal gifts of the founders of the institution and of their families and from other annual subscriptions and donations. Additional annual subscriptions to a total amount of \$1,500 are needed and the board appeals to the people of the county for increased contributions, which may be sent to Miss Caroline G. Parker, treasurer, Pittsfield, Mass.

Initiation and Dance.

Hoosac lodge, N. E. O. P., had a large attendance at their regular meeting Tuesday evening. A number of candidates were initiated by the degree staff. Applications were read and others balloted upon. Through the very active work of the secretary, R. C. Lucius, this lodge is increasing in membership rapidly. At the close of the meeting an entertainment and dance was held. About 200 were present.

The music for the dancing was excellent. B. G. Briggs was director, Mrs. R. C. Lucius acted as pianist, and R. B. Briggs as prompter. During the intermission Caterer Sorrell served refreshments. It was one of the most enjoyable times the lodge has had in some time.

COMMUNICATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TRANSCRIPT: Thanks to the city government for ordering a snow plow to be used on the sidewalks. This is the first time it has been used in several years. This early cleaning of the walks is more than a benefit to we girls; and those who employ us, for no time is lost.

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Miss Mary Ryan, flowered organdie, over yellow silk, carnations.
Miss Nellie Joyce, white silk, decollete.
Miss Josephine Martin, blue crepon.
Miss Elizabeth Flynn, pink crepon, decollete.
Miss Mary Quinn, flowered organdie.
Miss Mary Whalen, Nile green silk, pink chiffon trimming.
Miss O'Connell, Troy, white s'riped organdie over violet silk.
Miss Georgiana Cardany, blue organdie over blue.
Miss Mansfield, violet silk.
Miss Josephine Bennett, white tulle.
Miss Mary Hsalia, white tulle.
Miss Chagnon, Fall River, grenadine over red, plaid silk waist.
Miss Condon, flowered organdie.
Miss Mary Madden, flowered organdie.
Mrs. J. F. Conlon, black silk, pink chiffon.
Miss Mayme Burke, yellow silk.
Mrs. George Owens, blue striped silk and pearl trimming, diamonds.
Miss Cecelia Boland, lemon silk, chiffon.
Miss Teresa Mansfield, white dotted Swiss.
Miss Cora Vadnais, white tulle over yellow.
Miss Anna Burns, white dotted Swiss.
Miss Ralphy, cream silk.
Miss Elsie McCarthy, white silk, pink waist, decollete.
Miss Cecelia Collins, black chiffon over yellow, decollete.
Miss Lannon, black net over blue.
Miss Neary, cream silk.
Miss Alice Gunning, heliotrope brocade silk.
Miss McGue, Adams, white organdie, smilax, decollete.
Miss Fannie Sullivan, drab and pink.
Mrs. H. S. Lyons, white tulle, trimmed with valenciennes.

SODA WATER PRESCRIPTIONS.

Druggists Interested in a Bill Now Before the State Legislature.

A bill has been introduced to the state legislature by the state board of registration in medicine which is causing considerable excitement among the druggists of the state, and if it should pass would affect seriously the convenience of every citizen at one time or another. The clause in the bill to which objection is made is one that makes it a misdemeanor for anyone not a registered physician to prescribe in any way.

This would prevent a druggist from recommending any remedy for bruise or indisposition of any kind. Should a man go to a drug store and call for something to relieve a headache, the druggist would be compelled to send him to a physician for a prescription before giving him any particular headache powder. It is entirely impossible that such a bill will pass, but a meeting of the druggists of the county will be held in Pittsfield tomorrow for the purpose of drawing up a protest. They will have the sympathy of most of the public, as what they want is not the permission to take the place of the physician in caring for cases, but simply self protection in such cases as that mentioned. Probably the local druggists will be represented. It is thought that the bill was not intended as a blow at druggists but as a protection against quacks, and that the results of the bill were not foreseen.

BUCKLEY CASE DECIDED.

Stolen Goods Found Behind Chimney Bricks.

The Buckley liquor cases and assault case were finally disposed of in court this morning when the defendant was discharged on both liquor cases and was fined \$20 for assaulting an officer.

William Hilton was sentenced to 30 days in the house of correction for drunkenness and the case against James McCauley for non-support was further continued.

A few days ago the parents of Samuel Clark, who is now doing time for breaking and entering in this city, moved from Frederick street. When they were gone the officers visited the house and noticed a place in the chimney where the bricks had been loosened. They removed the bricks and found three razors and two jack knives concealed there. They were returned to W. B. Pennington & Co., from whom they had been stolen and were valued at \$10.

Pleasant Whist Party.

A delightful party was held Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Wright when they entertained about 25 friends at whist and other amusements. Six tables of whist were played and the prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Barber, Miss Bertha Fairfield, and the consolation prize by Mrs. J. D. Hunter. B. W. Niles, J. M. Darby won the gentlemen's first and second prizes and E. M. Dickinson, consolation. Refreshments were served and all passed the time very pleasantly. R. A. Thompson and Mrs. C. K. Millard took the comic drawing prizes.

No Strike at Pownal.

What seemed to outsiders to resemble a small strike in the factory of the Wright Health Underwear company, at Pownal, is explained by the management as nothing at all in the way of a strike. The spinners were asked to do two hours of night work in order to keep the factory supplied with yarn for heavy orders, but they asked for an increase of the pay per hour for this extra work. The management felt unable to give this in view of the present competition, and the night work idea was given up. There was no feeling whatever.

Gold Watch Presented.

Tunnel City circle, Companions of the Forest, had a very pleasant meeting Tuesday evening. Five members were initiated and after the business was disposed of a social was held.

Worthy Chief Companion Mrs. John Kane was given a pleasant surprise in honor of her birthday, being presented a beautiful gold watch as a token of the members' regard and their appreciation of her faithful and effective work in the interest of the order.

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STORM NUMBER TWO

Local Effect Nearly as Severe as That of Previous Weather Struggle.

OTHER PLACES DO NOT SUFFER

As in the First Big Storm. Trains Running With Some Regularity. Street Car Line Tied Up After Brief Efforts.

Locally the present "blizzard" seemed likely early this morning to rival the blustering time of two weeks ago. But there was less trouble with the lines of communication, so that the city was less shut in than before. The storm was worse in this locality than in others nearby.

The fall of snow was not so deep, but the snow was lighter and the high wind piled it into drifts which in the city often reached six or eight feet and on the neighboring country roads assumed the dignity of small mountains.

The railroads are not obstructed to any such extent as they were before. Trains between here and Pittsfield have run on time and there can be no serious disturbance on the main line of the Boston & Albany road, as the Boston and Springfield papers came in nearly on time.

Trains on the Fitchburg road were about 20 minutes late with the exception of the 5.18 morning train from the west, which was four hours late. This was due to the western connection rather than to trouble on the Fitchburg line.

Cars on the Hoosac Valley Street railroad were run this morning till about 9 o'clock, since which time but little business has been done except with the snow plow. At noon the business was practically at a standstill. The work of clearing the tracks was being pushed and President Richmond hoped to have the cars running before night over most of the line, although it was not expected that Williamstown would be reached today.

STABLE ORDINANCE HEARING.

Much Interest in the Proposed Licensing of Stables. Amendment Probable.

The committee on ordinances gave a hearing at the city hall Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock to those interested in an ordinance proposed by the old board of health for the licensing and regulation of stables. The ordinance was presented at the last meeting of the old council and was referred to the new council. The committee on ordinances, George B. Perry, W. M. Brown and Alexander Craswell, appointed this hearing in order to bring out as much information as possible on the subject before preparing its report to the council.

Dr. Simpson, chairman of last year's board of health, which drew the ordinance, was present to show the need and reasonableness of its provisions, and Lawyer C. J. Parkhurst was present apparently in the interests of some of the stable owners. Several men whom the ordinance would effect were present. Mr. Parkhurst, after the matter had been talked over, said he would like to prepare an amendment to the ordinance. This the committee was willing to receive and consider, and to give time for its preparation and for all interested to prepare for further action the hearing was adjourned to next Tuesday at 3 p. m.

Laughter Made Easy.


A large audience laughed itself dizzy at the Columbia theater Tuesday evening over the bubbling humor of "My Friend from India." The play is one of the funniest that has ever been seen here, and would carry itself without any kind of acting. The company was not uniformly strong, but the principal parts were well taken, Arthur Larkin as the hero, the philosophical barber, being a thorough comedian and fully alive to the possibilities of the part. Miss Bachelor as Gertrude, was good and Miss Gilman as Tilly, the German maid, did some remarkably clever character acting. William Mandeville as the retired pork packer, did not enter the spirit of his character thoroughly till the last act, but made a fair success of his important part. "The Wizard of the Nile" will not be affected by the storm. The advance sale has been large and a good crowd is assured. The company reached the city this morning and one of the best events of the year is promised.

Surprised by Her Friends.

Miss Grace Pratt was pleasantly surprised at the home of her uncle, Wallace Kezer on East Main street Tuesday evening when a party of friends called to make pleasant her 18th birthday. During the evening dancing and other pleasures were enjoyed and the evening was passed in a delightful manner. Before leaving the friends presented Miss Pratt with several handsome birthday gifts.

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INVENTORY SALE

A Genuine Money-Saving Sale!

We have just finished taking inventory and find that we are overstocked in some lines. These we intend to turn into quick cash, if prices will do it. No such bargains ever offered in the city before. Everything marked in plain figures and will be sold on the following prices as long as they last, beginning Saturday Morning, Feb. 12, for one week only:

	REGULAR PRICE.	SALE PRICE.
Hand Saws.	65c	47c
Compass Saws,	35c	22c
Hammers,	25c	17c
Picture Cord,	10 and 12c	7c
Bird Gravel,	10c	7c
Bird Seed,	12c	7c
Flower Food,	10c	7c
Sewing Machine Oil,	10c	6c
Scissors,	30 and 35c	22c
Enamel Paints,	25c	17c
Potash or Lye, 1 lb cans,	12c	8c
Carpet Beaters,	25 and 30c	18c
Soap Dishes,	10c	5c
Good House Brooms,	25c	17c
Cherry and Walnut Stain, pints and quarts, 25 and 40c,		12c
Save Time Screw Driver,	30 and 40c	23c
Condition Powders,	15 and 20c	10c
Dustless Ash Sieves,	\$1.00	63c
Wire Horse Brushes,	\$2.50	\$1.67
Hand Scrub Brush,	6 and 10c	4c
Carriage and Harness Sponges,	35 and 50c	19c
Egg Beater,	25c	17c
Ironing Wax on Handle,	10c	5c
Wonderful Non-poisonous Rat Destroyer,	25c	17c
Wash Boards,	30 and 40c	15 and 20c
Leather Halter,	65 and 75c	40c
Best Rolling Pins made,	25c	5c
Coffee Mills,	50c	33c
Gold Paint, with Liquid and Brush, large size,	50c	33c
A 50c Oil Can,		23c
Good Bushel Basket,	30c	19c
Indestructible Fibre Pails,	35c	25c
Chloride of Lime,	8 and 12c	5 and 9c

Our balance of Skates and Sleds to be closed out at a cash discount of 25 per cent. Every day a bargain day for one week. Some of these goods cannot be bought of the manufacturers at the low prices we are selling them. Look at our large show windows; they tell the whole story. Our especial bargain is a New \$75 Bicycle, to be sold at less than manufacturer's price, and only one will be sold at that price—\$37.50. This is a genuine sacrifice. Who gets it?

Remember the Place and Date.

Darby's Hardware Store,
49 EAGLE ST. 49 EAGLE ST.

Green & Waterman's Furniture

The characteristics of our stock are elegance, moderate cost and unequalled assortment.

It represents the best of everything in furniture and upholstery. We invite an inspection of our goods, all of which are marked in plain figures. There is no better time in all the year to select new furniture, or repair or recover the old.

Green & Waterman,
283 River Street, Troy, N. Y.

...ZEISER'S MARKET...

Cut Prices on Meats!

Pork Loins,	7 3-4c	3 lbs. J. Squire's Sausage,	25c
3 lbs. Pork Chops,	25c	Skin Back Ham,	8 3-4c
Chicken (Vermont),	15c	Cal. Ham,	6 3-4c
	All drawn.	Pork Salt,	8c

Vegetables of all Kinds.

ALBERT B. ZEISER, 85 Main St.

St. Valentine's Day!

If you are not already a customer, begin today as a user of

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78 Main Street.
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